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HISTORICAL SKETCHES

OF

JOHN MOSES, OF PLYMOUTH,

A SETTLER OF 1632 TO 1640;

JOHN MOSES, OF WINDSOR AND SIMSBURY,

A SETTLER PRIOR TO 1647;

AND

JOHN MOSES, OF PORTSMOUTH,

A SETTLER PRIOR TO 1640.

ALSO

A Genealogical Record

OF SOME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS.

BY

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## PREFACE.

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The publication of an ancestral record has become an event of such frequent occurrence as to hardly call for excuse or comment. A few words of explanation will therefore suffice as my preface.

Several years since, while on a business trip to Hartford, Conn., I examined the *History of Simsbury, Granby, and Canton, Conn.*, published in 1845, by Noah A. Phelps, and *Sketches of West Simsbury*, published in 1856, by Abiel Brown. I found in these histories my own family tree, with but one omission, which I afterwards supplied from the probate office at Hartford. My attention was forcibly called to the rapidly approaching decay and obliteration of many of the earlier manuscript town records of the colonial period, and I realized that any further searches I might wish to make, for personal details concerning the "early fathers," should be prosecuted at once. I have since carried out a resolution then formed, to gather every attainable item which would throw any light on the life and pursuits of men of the first and second generations of the New England family bearing the Moses name. The results have been so fruitful that I have decided to preserve them in book form. Incidental to these researches I have obtained the names of many descendants. I therefore append a genealogical record, which, though not complete, should give to nearly all who claim New England descent, and who can trace back their ancestry for four generations, an opportunity to establish their lineage.

Many of the descendants of the forefathers will doubtless feel disappointed that I have not made search for them and placed them where they justly belong with the modern names in this book.

I can only say by way of apology for omissions and imperfections, that I have been but two years in gathering material, and have been able to give to this compilation no more than the occasional spare hours of an active business life.

I print this work for my personal satisfaction and also with the



hope of gratifying the few friends and correspondents who have aided in the researches necessary to such an undertaking — who realize its difficulties, and have with myself found interest and pleasure in overcoming them.

Among others who have assisted me, I make especial mention of Rev. Vincent Moses of Patten, Maine; of Joshua Moses of Hoopes-ton, Ill., and of the Hon. Charles J. Hoadly, State Librarian at Hartford, Conn., from each of whom I have received valuable material.

The book is published for private circulation.

ZEBINA MOSES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24, 1889.



## CHAPTER I.

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### JOHN MOSES OF PLYMOUTH COLONY.

It is a matter of actual record that as far back as 1647 there were three New England colonists bearing the name of John Moses. Of these, the earliest mention is of John Moses of Plymouth.

There is nothing to indicate relationship between him and John Moses of Portsmouth; but family traditions and statements, as well as strong circumstantial evidence and the inherent probabilities of the case, seem to determine beyond reasonable doubt that he was the father of John Moses of Windsor. Several accounts in the possession of the older branches of the descendants of John Moses of Windsor state positively that he was the son of a John Moses of Plymouth.

From these accounts one is selected that has several times been in print. In a personal sketch of the late Schuyler Moses,\* published several years since in *Mason's Semi-Centennial History of Rochester, N. Y.*, John Moses is mentioned as the "son of John Moses who came from England in 1632, and who is supposed to have been married before he emigrated to America." . . . . .

"This John Moses was a blacksmith, and brought with him from England, in 1632, a set of tools which have remained in the Moses

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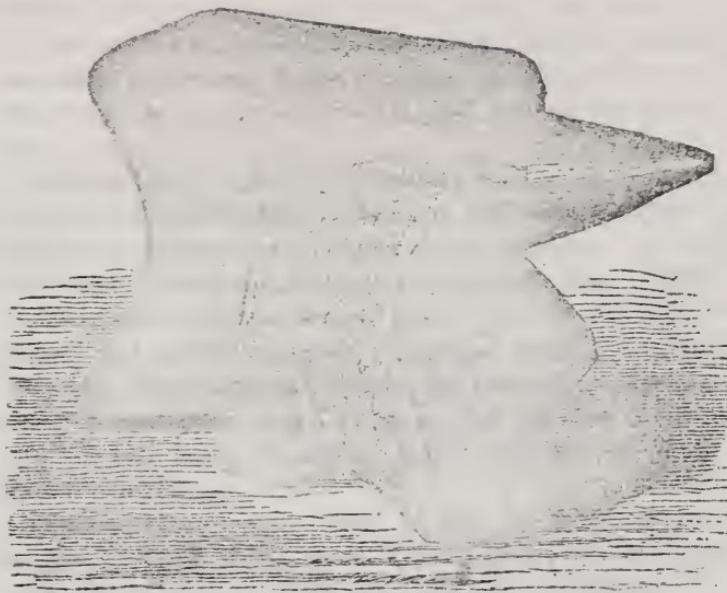
\* Schuyler Moses, after his removal from Connecticut to New York, lived for many years in the same house with his father, who died as late as 1847, aged 86, and also remembered his grandfather, Elisha, who was born in 1735.

This Elisha's grandfather was born in 1681. It will thus be seen that the story of the anvil, and of its original ownership, might have been handed down through but very few persons in reaching the venerable Schuyler Moses. The New York *World* of March 14, 1883, contained the following notice: "Schuyler Moses died yesterday in his 91st year; he was the oldest Freemason in the State of New York, the oldest pioneer of Rochester; he voted for James Monroe in 1821, and for Harrison in 1838, and served as a jurymen in 1855."



family down to the present time, a period of two hundred and fifty-two years."

A number of the *Iron Age*, published during the Centennial Exposition of 1876, gives a description of an anvil exhibited at Philadelphia in a building devoted to New England historical relics. Extracts from this article, printed thirteen years since, are as follows:



"AN ANVIL OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY."

"The old anvil shown in the accompanying illustration has already been described in these columns, but some additional particulars concerning it will be of interest. It is 11 inches high, 16 inches long to horn, four inches wide, and weighs 126 pounds. Mr. Seymour says: 'I assure you it has seen hard service. There is no question as to its being made in 1632.'"

In the earlier article above alluded to, a letter, dated March 13, 1876, from Mr. Norman Seymour, Secretary of the Livingston County, N. Y., Historical Society, is published, from which is quoted: "Among the relics that have been brought out so far this centennial year, I have found in our town an old anvil, and marked on it in figures cut in the iron 1632. This anvil was brought over from England about the year 1632 by John Moses."



Farther on, after tracing from John Moses of 1632 the genealogy of the Schuyler Moses family (which will be found in later pages of this work), the *Iron Age* adds: "The anvil is now at this date in possession of Miss Aurelia Moses, the oldest daughter of Elisha Moses, Jr., and of Rebecca, the daughter of Elisha Drayton Moses, who now resides at Mount Morris, Livingston County, N. Y. It is truly an old relic, and its battered condition proves that it has seen hard service during nearly 250 years."

The anvil was, sometime after the Exposition, removed to the residence of the late Schuyler Moses, at Rochester, N. Y., where the writer has lately examined it, and verified the above description.

From a letter from Schuyler Moses to Charles Moses of Brooklyn, N. Y., dated May 21, 1885, a full copy of which is in the writer's possession, the following extract is given: "I have traced the Yankee Moses family back to Plymouth, Mass., 1632."

In a letter written several years since to the Rev. Vincent Moses, and kindly furnished with other material for this history, Schuyler Moses distinctly makes the statement, that he once had in his possession a record showing that the first John Moses of his line was from Plymouth, Mass.; and that he came to this country in 1632.

Marcus Moses, born 1800, brother of Schuyler, in a letter to Rev. Vincent Moses, April 4, 1872, also gives the story of the anvil as handed down from his father and grandfather.

His sister Aurelia Moses, born in 1803, and other members of the family, also confirm the account.

The writer deferred communicating with the late Schuyler Moses, considering that on account of his great age it would be better to visit him when business should lead in the direction of Rochester, N. Y. Unfortunately this purpose was too long delayed, and recent correspondence with his heirs and a personal call at his late home at Rochester, have not added any fresh particulars to the foregoing items of family history. The account of the "Moses Anvil" is given here as it has been handed down through the generations. The researches of the writer furnish considerable circumstantial evidence in favor of this tradition of the Mount Morris branch of the Moses family.

The Leesford account of John Moses of Plymouth, which will presently follow, was not published, and the book which contains



it was not distributed to the few principal libraries where it can now be found, until 1886. In the opinion of the writer its existence is unknown to any of the Moses name besides himself at the date of this publication. It appears from the Lechford history that John Moses of Plymouth, though not properly a blacksmith, was a shipwright, and that he would have had use for an anvil. From what is given hereafter, it will also be seen that John Moses of Windsor, though not a blacksmith, had ownership in a cider mill, saw mills, and a grist mill, and had evidently a knowledge of mechanics. In the inventory of his estate, taken after his death, is enumerated "iron tools and old iron," which from the considerable valuation of £6 and 10s. might well have included an anvil.

Without reference to the anvil, it is clear that in several families the story has been inherited, that the father of John Moses of Windsor was a John Moses who landed on the New England coast in 1630 or 1632. These accounts, so carefully handed down from father to son, gather new force in view of the historical proof lately obtained by the writer that there was a John Moses of Plymouth, at least as far back as 1640, although none of those of the family with whom the writer has had correspondence with reference to the Moses traditions were informed as to his knowledge of such proof, which he purposely withheld, that no bias might be given through him to their communications. This proof is afforded by the Lechford historical sketch of John Moses of Plymouth, already referred to, and which is now given in full.

In the transactions of the American Antiquarian Society, Vol. VII, is published a "Note book kept by Thomas Lechford, Lawyer in Boston, Mass. Bay, from June 27, 1638, to July 21, 1641."

In the preface to the volume, the Rev. Edward Everett Hale, under date of September 17, 1885, speaks of the Society's determination to publish the Note book, and goes on to state that "it is one of the most valuable documents which have been preserved of the history of the first generation of Massachusetts. It is the daily record of the work done in the office of the only professional lawyer in the Colony. The present owner of the original manuscript is Samuel Jennison of Boston. . . . I have not been able to discover the time or place of Lechford's embarkation for New England, nor in which of the twenty ships which brought 3,060 passengers to Massachusetts in the summer of 1638, he came.



His Note book begins, ‘Boston in New England-27-4 the day of my landing, 1638.’”

“In July, 1640,” he wrote to England, “I do profess that I am of this mind and judgement. I thank God that Christiaus cannot live happily without Bishops as in England, nor Englishmen without a King.” . . . . Of Massachusetts, he writes, “I am not of them in church or commonweal—some bid me begone.” . . . . On the 16th of November, 1641, after his landing in England, he writes, that he “had returned humbly to the Church of England.”

With this necessary introduction, quotation is now made from page 418 of the volume VII, above referred to.

IN THE QUARTER COURT HELD AT BOSTON—4—2—1641—

“JOHN MOSES of Duxbury, Shipwright, plt. } In an action of tres-  
THOMAS KEYSER and JOHN GUY of Lynne, def'ts } pass upon the case.

The said John Moses Complayneth against the Defendants for y<sup>t</sup> whereas in or about the third moneth Anno Domini 1640 they did retyne the said complaynent to make for them a pinnace in forme as followeth that is to say: thirty-foote by the keele and five foote and halfe in the hould deepe to be made proportionably according to the same with a deck and to be seeled throughout the said pinnace and to be finished the last of August then next following for which they the said defendants promised to pay the said plaintiffe 40£ and such other charges as are mentioned in the writing of agreement thereof at the finishing of the said pinnace under the hands of both the said defend'ts and the said plt. And the said plaintiffe indeed saith that the said defend'ts were by agreement also betweene them the said def'ts and plt. to deliver to the said plt. divers materiells towards the finishing the said pinnace by the day aforesaid appointed in the said agreement but they the said defend'ts fayled therein so that the said pinnace could not be finished by the said day appointed through the default of the said defend't, neither were they ready to satisfie the said plaintiffe for the said pinnace when it should be finished as was agreed as aforesaid. But the said plaintiffe was forced to sell the said pinnace away to Captain Edward Gibbons in the third moneth last and to finish the same for him whereby the said pinnace lay upon the plaintifves hands in building from the said last of August Anno Dni 1640 till the midst of the third moneth last, being 9 moneths. To the damage of the said plt 19£ 19s 11d.

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The said plt received in pitch okhum and nayles	5	3	
And in money or moneys worth	.	.	10
And in pitch and okhum more	.	.	10
And in nayles more	.	.	1
And in ready money at sight	.	.	3



Philip De Lanoe of Duxbury, aged about 26 years sworne saith that John Moses of Duxbury aforesaid shipwright having a pinnace in hand to build for one Thomas Keyser and his partner as this deponent hath heard he was intreated by the said John Moses to inquire at some house in Boston for pitch and oakum that should be left there by the said Thomas Keyser and his partner for the use of said pinnace and this deponent did inquire two several times for the said pitch and oakum about the latter end of the fift moneth last or the beginning of the sixth moneth last but could not find where the same was left though he inquired at divers houses, but two or three who said they knew Keyser and his ptr. then told this depon. that the said Keyser intended not to have the said pinnace for that he was not able to pay for it nor his partner neither, whereof this deponent tould the said John Moses who thereupon borrowed this deponents boate who went therein with another man to seek said Keyser and his partner about the said pitch and oakum and pinnace, and they were waiting with his said boate three weekes in the chiefe mackrell time in September which was above £ damage to this deponent."

"Will Latham of Duxbury planter aged about 32 yeares, sworne upon oathe, that in the seventh moneth last he went in a boate from Duxbury aforesaid with John Moses to seek Thomas Keyser and his partner about a pinnace that the said John Moses had in hand for them, and that this deponent and the said Moses were out about the said business for about three weekes."

Foot Notes by the Editor of *Lechford's Manuscript Note Book* made in 1885:

"Of John Moses and John Guy I can find no mention at all in Savage. Thomas Keyser was a seafaring man of whom little other remembrance was preserved. He has obtained a species of fame through his mention by Winthrop, Vol. 2, p. 231, where are related certain operations of one Smith and his mate Thomas Keyser in a voyage undertaken by them to the coast of Guinea."

"Philip Delano or Philip De La Noy as it was formerly written was said to have been a Frenchman, member of the Church at Leyden. He came over in 1621, was a freeman in 1622 and was one of the early settlers of Duxbury where he became a man of 'much respectibilitie' according to Windsor."

"Wm. Latham was a more obscure inhabitant of Duxbury whither he moved from Plymouth. He had come over in the Mayflower as servant to Governor Carver— see Bradford, p. 447—450."

In the *History of New England* from 1630 to 1649, by John Winthrop, Esq., first Governor of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, two quite lengthy accounts are given of this Thomas Keyser, who behaved so meanly in relation to the pinnace he had ordered of the shipwright, John Moses. Extracts are given as showing the



character of Keyser, and as also showing peculiarities in the religious beliefs of the time.

Vol. I. p. 321, year 1639:

"There happened a memorable thing at Plimouth about this time. One Keysar of Lynn being at Plimouth in his boat and one Dickerson with him a professor, but a notorious thief, was coming out of the harbor with the ebb and the wind southerly, a fresh gale; yet with all their skill and labor, they could not in three hours get the boat above one league, so as they were forced to come to an anchor, and at the flood, to go back to the town, and as soon as they were come in, the said Dickerson was arrested upon suspicion of a gold ring and some other pieces of gold which upon search were found about him and he was there whipped for it."

In Vol. II, p. 243, year 1645,—Keyser appears as mate on a vessel owned by James Smith, "who was a member of the Church of Boston," also they together made a voyage to Guinea to trade for Negroes.

Quite a lengthy account is given of this slave-trading venture, and of a law suit brought by Smith against Keyser for bringing home the vessel, leaving him (Smith) at Barbadoes, also of their being brought to account for "murder," "Stealing negers," also "chacing the negers (as aforesayde) upon the Sabbath day, which (being a servile work and such as cannot be considered under any other heade), is expressly capitall by the law of God."

If any punishment was inflicted upon them it does not appear in the records.

It is stated that the pinnace was afterward finished and sold to Captain Edward Gibbons. On page 321 of *Prince's Chronology*, under date of October 19, 1630, appears a list\* of 108 persons of the Massachusetts Bay Colony who "desired to be made freemen," among them "Edward Gibbons (afterward Major-General)."

The question naturally arises, why this ship-yard of John Moses was not mentioned by some of the historians of the Plymouth Colony. It must be confessed that this is somewhat surprising, yet it should be remembered that Duxbury, though but a few miles from Plymouth across the bay, was, in 1640, a separate township and had its own records. Winsor, in his *History of Duxbury*, page 82, says: "It is greatly to be regretted that the earliest

\* Very curiously, in this list appears also the names of Henry Wodecot and the Rev. John Warham, who are mentioned in connection with John Moses of Windsor in the first paper concerning him.



records of Duxbury are lost. We have evidence that they were burned, as the existing records testify — the first entry on the leaf of the present records was made in 1656." It therefore follows that but for this discovery of the *Lechford Manuscript Note Book*, and its publication in 1886, which so strikingly confirms the old time traditions in the Moses family, we should have had but little actual knowledge of the shipwright John Moses. It borders on the marvelous that this manuscript and Governor Bradford's *Manuscript History of Plymouth Colony*, should both have come to light after having been lost for over two hundred years.

Considering the record of the law suit, the following deductions may fairly be made. That John Moses probably had his business established at Duxbury as early as 1639. He must also have had more than a merely local reputation, as indicated by the fact that his first and second order for the pinnace apparently came from Lynn and Salem. He may have worked as a shipwright at one of these towns. The fact that there is historical mention of Henry Moses, a mariner (possibly a son), who married in Salem in 1659, is corroborative of this deduction.

He must almost inevitably have been a settled man of middle age, to have learned his trade in England, and to have been possessed of wood-working and iron-working tools, some capital, and a knowledge of affairs to justify him in making contracts on his own account.

The fact that he employed Thomas Lechford, "the only lawyer of the Colony," (Massachusetts Bay Colony), whose practice was discouraged and occasionally stopped by the Puritans,\* who hated him for his adherence to the Church of England, would, considering the times, give a fair inference that John Moses did not share in the Puritan dislike of Lechford or of his religious views. A reading of Lechford's book will confirm this inference.

There is nothing in the papers presented to the court or in any records now extant to show exactly where the John Moses ship-yard was located. From the local histories, it seems extremely probable that he must have bought or rented from one of the original proprietors, perhaps from Philip Delano, mentioned in the lawsuit, whose land in Duxbury we find described in *Plymouth*

\* Lechford's Note Book. — "Quarter Court — 7th mo. 1639. — Mr. Thomas Lechford is debarred from pleading any man's cause unless his own and admonished not to presume to meddle beyond what he shall be called by the Court."



*Colony Records*, Vol. I, p. 67, as bounded on the south side by the lands of John Alden, and on the east side by the sea.

In *Winsor's History of Duxbury* a reference is made to Ralph Chapman, another ship carpenter, who might possibly have worked with John Moses on the pinnace, as it is almost certain that assistance must have been needed at some stage of the work. Chapman is mentioned as early as 1640, when he had a grant of "4 acres at Stoney Brook," and also, "more land to the north, towards Green's Harbor." John Josselyn, in his "*Account of Two Voyages to New England in the Year 1648*," states that there is "excellent timber for shipping at Green's Harbor to eastward of Plymouth." So far as appears from the records of Plymouth Colony, their only shipwrights, up to the year 1660, may have been John Moses and Ralph Chapman. It is highly probable that John Moses did not come to New England to escape religious persecution, but rather to fill a demand for men who could build ships. It is certain that as far back as the time of this lawsuit the ship-building industry was a prominent one in New England, and that for several years previously it had been largely carried on by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, a very short distance to the north of Plymouth. If John Moses came to this country as far back as 1630 or 1632, it is in every way probable that he worked at the ship-yards of Lynn or Salem or other of the Massachusetts Bay ports, before going to Plymouth; and this would further appear from the fact that little ship-building was carried on at Plymouth, and that no mention is made of the sending over of John Moses or Ralph Chapman in the voluminous correspondence of the English Council, or of the partners in the Plymouth Colony Adventure.

Extended quotations are given below, showing the premises upon which the writer has based his inferences above stated.

*Massachusetts Historical Collections*, Vol. III, p. 160, with reference to Plymouth Colony:—"In 1624 the ship-carpenter Winslow died." Page 211:—In 1627, "They had no ship-carpenter neither knew how to get one at present."

With reference to Massachusetts Bay Colony:—*Records of Mass.*, Vol. I, p. 394. In letter of Council in England to the Governor in Mass., April 17, 1629. "We have sent six shipwrights of whom Robert Morton is chief."

*Chronicles of the First Planters of New England* by Young: In 1629.—



"This was probably the first vessel built in the Colony and preceded by at least two years the building of Winthrop's bark at Mistick called the *Blessing of the Roy*, of 30 tons, launched July 4, 1631. Cradock carried on ship-building at Mystic River, and in 1633 had a vessel on the stocks of 100 tons, and next year of twice the burden. In 1636, a ship of 120 tons, the *Désiré*, was built at Marblehead. In 1640, Hugh Peters procured some to join for building a ship at Salem of 300 tons, and the inhabitants of Boston built one of 150 tons called the *Trial*. In the summer of 1642, five ships were built, three at Boston, one at Dorchester, and one at Salem."

The author of "*New England's First Fruits*" writes in 1642: "Besides many boats, hoyas, shallops, lighters, and pinnaces, we are in the way of building ships of 100, 200, 300, or 400, tons. Five of these are already at sea."

In the *Colonial State Papers of Great Britain*, page 158, under date of 1638, — Communication of Emanuel Downing to Secretary Coke —

"He has made inquiries respecting the ship-carpenters, Mr. Winthrop the Governor has with him in New England. There is Will Stephens, who built the *Royal Merchant* of 600 tons, so able a shipwright as there is hardly another such to be found in the kingdom, and two or three others. . . . The plantation will next year build ships of any burden."

From Leighford's *Note-book*, from notes in relation to a lawsuit —

"Nehemiah Bourne was a Charlestown ship-builder (1639). He also lived at Dorchester for some time, and a year or two after he moved to Boston."

In same case — Note : — "Thomas Hawkins was a shipwright, also a merchant and part owner of many vessels, owned land in Charlestown and lived in Dorchester and Boston."

Page 255: — "Hassard may have been the ship-carpenter of Boston — (4-16-1640)."

Page 279: — "The account of Thomas Robinson concerning particulars between him and John Swinforth ship-carpenter interested in one bark called the *Spectacle* — (5-29-1640)."

Page 350: — "Walter Merry was a shipwright having his shipyard and wharf at the point bearing his name just to the north of Gallups Point — (10-2-1640)."

From *Plymouth Records*, published 1889, (township, not Colonial, records), quotation is made as follows:

"At a towne meeting the 10 of Desem. 1646. It was agreed that whosoever comes not to ye towne meeting being thereunto warned at ye time appoynted shall forfeite to ye towns use for every shuch defalte 12d. except he have a sufficient and lawfull excuse."



In the list of 77 persons which follows is the name "John Moses."

In the same volume, at a date in 1647, appears a list (which is unexplained) of 72 persons; 10 of the names are marked "absent," — among the absentees — "John Moses."

From the foregoing it may be assumed that the shipwright had taken up his domicile in Plymouth at some time previous to 1646.

A careful examination of the volume just quoted, covering all township proceedings from 1636 to 1705, will almost inevitably lead to the conclusion that John Moses must have carried on his occupation outside the township proper of Plymouth — perhaps across the bay at Duxbury, or Green's Harbor. In Plymouth township records are found grants of land to numerous inhabitants; also on pages 116 to 118 are enumerated taxes against every person having a trade or occupation, with no mention of "Jolin Moses." Nor is there a mention of any ship or boat builder in all of the minute proceedings recorded during the period named.

In the same volume appears a list which is apparently under date of 1668, and has this heading: "The names of such as have voated in Towne meeting in the Towne of Plymouth." Ninety-eight names are given, among them, "John Moses."

Somewhat strangely, under date of February 15, 1668, appears the following:

"The towne . . . took an exact view of the list of the names of those that were formerly called and had voated in Towne meeting and established such as were found to be Townsmen according to said order and admitted some few more unto them and Referred others to further consideration. The names of those who were found to be Townsmen of Plymouth according to the abovesaid order which Relates unto the time of the establishment of the Towne of Plymouth and the bounds thereof sett by the court which was in the yeare 1640."

Then follows 68 names, John Moses not among them.

In an unconnected list of townsmen of the date of May, 1676, are 82 names, and among them "John Moses."

In the preface to the volume it is stated that in some instances "entries have not been made in chronological order;" . . . that in "some instances sheets were probably copied and entered wherever in any part of the original volume there was sufficient blank space."

Turning now to the *Colony Records of Plymouth*, in 12 large volumes, by Shurtliff and Pulsifer, we find in Vol. III, in the "pre-



sentments by the Court," under date of Oct. 5, 1652: "We present James Cole of Plymouth, for entertaining townsmen in his house contrary to the order of the Court."

"We present Thomas Clarke and John Moses of Plymouth, for staying and drinking at James Coles' contrary to the order of the Court."

A verdict of "acquittal" was rendered on both presentments. From which we infer that our shipwright was of a somewhat convivial turn, and was perhaps not strictly a Puritan.

On page 30 of same volume it is stated that at a term of the General Court, on June 7, 1653, "Surveyors of the Hiewaies" were appointed for Duxborough, Plymouth, and other towns,—three surveyors for each town, and that the surveyors for Plymouth were; "John Moses, Christopher Winter, and Thomas Morton."

In *Plymouth Colony Records*, Vol. VIII, p. 181, is mentioned: "Such of the towne of Plymouth as have taken the oath of Fidelitie in the yeare 1657"—23 persons,—among them "John Moses."

According to *Winsor's History of Duxbury* he must have become a member of one of the churches of the Colony in order to have been admitted a freeman. "*Leckford's Plain Dealing*," page 83: "Every freeman when he is admitted takes a strict oath to be true to the society or jurisdiction."

Quite possibly this "taking of the oath" was in some way connected with a new policy adopted by the Plymouth Colony in 1657. Commencing with that year, and continuing for several years, fines were imposed "for refusing to take the oath of fidelitie." The *Plymouth Colony Records* show that in two years, 1658 to 1660, forty-eight persons were fined for this refusal, the most of them 10 pounds each. Vol. VIII, p. 95: "For absenting themselves from the public worship of God" twelve persons were on March 1, 1658, fined 10 shillings each.

In Vol. III, p. 196, of the *Plymouth Colony Records*, is given the verdict, on July 15, 1660, of a jury "conserning the sudden death of James Pierse of Boston, late deceased." The verdict rendered was, that "he was struck by thunder and lightning in a boate in Plymouth Harbor." "John Moses" was one of the twelve jury-men.

The changed condition of John Moses' church relations does not appear to have greatly modified his social tendencies. Page 222 recites that on June 10, 1661, "Gyles Packard, Senior, for suffer-



ing men to drink in his house, fyned 10 shillings. John Moses, for being drunke the second time, fined 10 shillings."

As the most trifling offences were carefully noted in the *Plymouth Colony Records*, and as the old shipwright appears but twice before the court, we must conclude that his lapses were not frequent.

The last mention in the *Colony Records* of John Moses of Plymouth, comes to us from page 223 of the same volume, where he appears on July 23, 1661, to have been "summoned by Mr. John Alden, Assistant to the Governor, as the foreman of a jury of twelve men 'concerning the sudden death of John Bond of Plymouth.'"

Volume VIII of the *Plymouth Colony Records* is principally filled with lists of births and marriages. Very few deaths appear. There is no record of the death of John Moses, or of births of children bearing the name of Moses, from which it is evident that John Moses had no children after his settlement in Plymouth Colony, which appears to have been at some time prior to 1640.



## CHAPTER II.

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### A CONNECTING CHAPTER OF HISTORY.

It is a part of the plan of this little work to give to the founders of the New England families of the Moses name an environment of history that will fit into, and with, the few personal items that can be gleaned from the records.

It is stated in the opening sentence of *Phelps' History of Simsbury* that "most of the inhabitants of Windsor left England in 1630, resided in Dorchester until 1635, from whence they moved to Windsor."

A very detailed history of Dorchester has been published by the Antiquarian Society of the town, in which probably more than a thousand names are given of early settlers, including most of those found afterward in Windsor; but nowhere is mention made of John Moses. *Matthew Grant's Record*, made in 1677, published in appendix of *Stiles' History of Windsor*, is also strong evidence that John Moses did not come from Dorchester. It would therefore seem to follow that the town of Windsor must have had other settlers. Let us see.

Both Stiles and Brown, in their published histories, give Plymouth, and even Mayflower ancestry to the Brown family of Windsor, and there is every reason to think that others of the early settlers on the Connecticut were from Plymouth. The Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey, the "colleague" of the Rev. Mr. Warham, was "born in Plymouth about 1639."

From *Prince*, page 433, under date of 1633, is quoted: "Those of Plymouth are the first English that both discovered this place and built the same. . . . We have a great new bark and a frame of a house with boards, nails, etc., ready . . . coming to our place since called Windsor."

From Governor Bradford's *History of Plymouth*: "On the 8th of June, 1633, the Dutch completed a fort named the 'Good Hope'



about the place of the present town of Hartford." On passing the fort with the bark, Bradford goes on to relate that —

"The Dutch demanded what they intended." . . . "They bid them strike and stay or else they would shoot them, and stood by their ordnance ready titted." "They answered they had commission from ye Gov. of Plimoth to goe up ye river to such a place, and if they did shoothe they must obey their order, and proceeded." . . . Coming to their place (on the site of the present town of Windsor) "they clapt up their house quickly," . . . "and palisaded their house aboute."

From *Barker's Connecticut Historical Collection*, page 124:

"Plymouth House — This house stood about two miles southeast of the 1st Congregational Church, on the river bank, about twenty rods from a point of land extending down the river near the western shore. It was at the place that the Farmington or Windsor river entered the Connecticut. The mouth of the river is now about 60 rods above. The meadow lying in the vicinity of where the house stood is now called Plymouth Meadow. . . ." 1634. "A party of 70 men, Dutch, under arms with banners displayed, assaulted the Plymouth House, but they found it so well fortified, and the men who kept it so vigilant and determined, that it could not be taken without bloodshed. They therefore came to a parley, and finally returned in peace."

From Doyle, "*The English in America*," page 207:

"In July, 1635, Bradford received a letter from Jonathan Brewster, who was at the head of the Plymouth settlers on the Connecticut, telling of the intrusion" (of the Massachusetts Bay settlers). "He would not apparently have objected to the occupation of vacant territory by the new comers, but they had specially set their affections on the very spot which the Plymouth Government had bought from the Mohicans, and had held so manfully against the Dutch. The difficulty, it is clear, was mainly caused by the emigrants from Dorchester."

From Jonathan Brewster's letter is also quoted:

"It was your will we should use their persons and messenger kindly, & so we have done & do daily to your great charge, for the first company had well nigh starved, had it not been for this house, for want of victuals."

We quote again from Doyle:

. . . . "The emigrants from Plymouth protested against the aggression. They finally accepted a compromise. They were to retain their house, with two parcels of land, making 1/16 of the tract purchased from the Indians. For the rest they were to be compensated."



Bradford states, "But the unkindness was not soon forgotten;" and on page 348:

"This yeare (1636) two shallopps going to Coonigetcutt with goods from ye Massachusetts of such as removed hither to plant, were cast away: . . . afterwards another boate of theirs going thither, likewise was cast away, and such goods as came ashore were preserved for them. Such crosses they mette with in their beginnings which some imputed as a correction from God for their intrution (to ye wrong of others into ye place). But I dare not be bould with God's judgments in this kind."

Doyle, in his "*English in America*," states that in "1636" "Fresh outrages by the Indians had been committed on the Connecticut and on a trading vessel from Plymouth."

Enough has been quoted in the foregoing to serve the purposes of this chapter, which is to show, that although Windsor may be said to have been settled from Dorchester, still it had some years previously been visited by pioneers from the more adventuresome Plymouth Colony, who had made a foothold if not a permanent lodgment. It was the "far West" of the New England of 1640 to 1650. What more likely than that the young and hardy spirits of Plymouth should seek their fortune there.



## CHAPTER III.

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### JOHN MOSES OF WINDSOR AND SIMSBURY.

John Moses of Windsor, of whom the earliest record is 1647, was a young man full of enterprise and spirit. Apparently without relations in this new community and adhering to the Church of England, he nevertheless seems to have not been without friends. Important duties were early entrusted to him in spite of his youth and political and religious disabilities,— and from the outset and all through his life he appears as a negotiator between the colonists and the warlike tribes of Indians immediately around them. The Plymouth Colony was peculiarly a trading and adventuresome community, constantly pushing in all directions for traffic with the Indians, and it is likely that young John may have gone to Windsor in search of ship stores or in some way as the representative of his father's ship-building interests. He appears first in a business way as an agent or associate of John Griffin, the pioneer of Massacoee, afterwards Simsbury.

In the town records of Windsor is recorded the first Indian deed of the lands of Simsbury, afterward ratified by fuller deeds and covering about 100 square miles. It reads as follows:

"These present writing shows that we Pacatoco and Pamatacount and Youngeowet, Indians and owners of Massaco Friends to him that burnt John Griffins pieth and tarre— We doe hereby declare our inability to make satisfaction for the said losses any way but by the giving up our right in the land at Massaco unto the said John Griffin; and in regard the said offender being resigned and delivered up now to us, and fully acquitted for all his miscariag to the said John Griffin.

"Wee the aforesaid Indians doe hereby promise to come, at any time or times to Coart or Coarts to passe over all our rights in all our lands at Massaco, only the named Indians do reserve two acres of land and will themselves fence it in and maintaine it;— And what writing John Griffin shall cause to be made, all we the aforesaid Indians do promiss to confirm it by our hand and sealls freely set thereto as we have come to this present writing this 28th June 1648.

witness Lereunto

JOHN MOSES

GEORGE ABBET

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The sign of Pacatoco

The sign of Pamatacount

The sign of Youngeowet"



For a full account of this deed and subsequent ratifications, see the *History of Simsbury*, published in 1845, by Noah A. Phelps, where also may be found further references to John Griffin. On page 12: "In 1643 John Griffin and Michael Humphrey commenced the manufacture of pitch and tar." Page 11: In 1663, "A grant of two hundred acres was made by the General Court to John Griffin in consideration 'that he was the first that perfected the art of making pitch and tar in those parts.' This tract of land including another grant made subsequently by the town was afterwards known by the name of Griffin's Lordship." On page 84 — petition for a grant, and as the third reason, in the prayer of the petitioners,

"Also for our encouragement in raising tar and turpentine for the supply for his Majesty's naval stores, and our only valuable commodity in foreign parts." Page 89:—"The manufacture of pitch and tar was commenced and carried on at this place by John Griffin and Michael Humphrey then of Windsor, though subsequently both of them became inhabitants of this town. At first, they had a partner of the name of John Tinker, who afterwards settled as a merchant at New London. These articles being in great demand for the uses of the British Navy, as well as for ship-building generally, commanded a ready sale at high prices and were nearly the only ones allowed by England to be exported."

Stiles speaks of "John Tinker," one of the partners, as of "Boston in 1654." Pitch and tar would naturally have been marketed at Boston, Plymouth, and Salem.

If we now go back to the record of the lawsuit in which John Moses, the shipwright of Plymouth, was plaintiff, we find that he had difficulty in obtaining a sufficient supply of "pitch and oakum." The trading voyages between Plymouth and Windsor and highly probable dealings between the shipwright and the manufacturers of "pitch and tarre," would easily explain the association of young John Moses with Griffin or with Tinker, the Boston partner.

As to George Abbet, who with John Moses procured the deed from the Indians, no reference to him is made in records of Dorchester, Windsor, or Simsbury.

In *Plymouth Colony Records*, Vol. VII, p. 118, is given an account for military stores allowed to Pelig Sandford by the Court held in June, 1628, and in this account appears this item: "1 c-3 q.- 16 lb.- of Biskett delivered to John Abbet by General Cud-



worth's order." George Abbott does not appear in the history of the settlement, and he may have come from Plymouth Colony.

To be among the Indians on the extreme frontier at this time required a stout heart as well as tact in dealing with savages.

Dwight, in his *History of Connecticut*, p. 113, states that: "The Indians of Windsor were in a very hostile state at this time (1646). They burned a quantity of tar and turpentine, rescued by force one whom the officers had seized, and threatened messengers afterward sent to them."

To go a little backward, it is now proper to state that the very first historical mention that we have of young John Moses, is found in the records of the Particular Court at Hartford, Conn. As will be seen later on, he, and Michael Humphrey, already mentioned, considered themselves "members of the Church of England." John Griffin was made a freeman only by special action of the Court, and not until 1658.

Even a mild adherence to the Church of England or Cavalier party, in those days, included a belief in gay social customs, which were abhorrent to the strict Puritans.

From the *Colonial Records of Connecticut*, p. 160, is quoted under date of March 2, 1647. "John Moses acknowledgeth himself bound to this commonwealth in Recognizance of 20£ and Matthew Allen in 10£ pruised that he the said John Moses appeare at the next p[re]ticular Court and keep good behauior in the meane tyme."

As illustrating the offences of the time:—At the same session of the Court. "Edward Chaneill for diulging misreports agt Hide is fyned 40 s." Also "Nicholas Gunning for a miscaridge,—beating of a cow of Ralfe Keelers."

Something over a year later, June 1, 1648, the case came up for trial and on page 164, same book, we find:—"John Moses for miscaridges w<sup>t</sup> Dauid Wilton his daughter fyned 20 shillings." On the jury of twelve men who rendered this verdict we find the name of "Dauid Wilton," himself.

As will be observed from its use in the Gunning's case, and in the Indian deed — above mentioned — the word "miscaridge" was a general term in those days, corresponding very nearly to the present use of the word "misbehavior."

Very likely, in the flush of youth, he broke the following "Blue Law":—(See Laws of New Haven.) "No man shall court a maid in person or by letter without first obtaining consent of her



parents, 5£ penalty for the first offence, 10£ for the second, and for the third, imprisonment during the pleasure of the Court." As the young man was fined but 20 shillings, we must conclude that his offence was very trivial, or that he was for some reason treated with special consideration.

David Wilton afterward served in the same troop of horse with him, and also sold him land.

The association of Matthew Allyn, the bondsman for John Moses and his first friend of record, with the early Plymouth Colonists, is shown in the following quotation from the *Memorial History of Hartford County*:

"Plymouth House (1633)—Lot 43½ acres Indian title. The material for the house was prepared in Plymouth, Mass., and landed here Oct. 16 (26), 1633. When the pioneers from Massachusetts came here in the early summer 1635, they were entertained at this house by Jonathan, son of Elder Brewster, and we find him here still in 1636. When the Plymouth Colony sold their claim to the Dorchester people, 1637 (which covered a larger tract than is shown in the accompanying map), they reserved this lot and house and certain other tracts of uplands. These were sold, 1638, to Matthew Allen of Hartford, who came here and occupied them. There is strong presumptive evidence in support of the tradition that Mr. Allen used the material of this house in the construction of the house that he built on the reserved 'acre on the hill.'"

From Stiles' *History of Windsor* we learn that Allen attempted to evade taxes levied by the town, on the ground that having purchased from Plymouth Colony, the lands were not amenable to tax of Connecticut.

Stiles also states that on May 3, 1638, Lieutenant Wm. Holmes, "by power of attorney, sold to Matthew Allen of Hartford all the lands, houses, servants, goods, and chattels of the Plymouth Company in the town of Windsor."

Somewhat previously to the date when he befriended young John Moses, Matthew Allen had his own troubles with the extremists of that generation, as witness the following quotation from the *Memorial History of Hartford County*:

"He was excommunicated by the Church in Hartford, and June 3, 1644, he appealed to the General Court for redress; the records do not show how the affair was settled, but it may have been one cause of his removal to Windsor. Nevertheless, few men in the colony had more influence or received more honors from the people than Mr. Allyn."



The *Records of Plymouth Colony*, Vol. VIII, show that a Matthew Allen — Wm. Allen, (who married Priscilla Brown,) and several of the Allen family, were repeatedly fined for "attending Quaker Meetings" and for "refusing to take the oath of fidelitie." From Lechford's *Note Book*, p. 416, we learn that "Matthew Allen, . . . upon the river of Connecticut," had a brother, "Thomas Allen," in Plymouth Colony.

It will be noted that John Moses came into Court early in 1647. He had already been in the Colony long enough to make acquaintances and friends. Later on he is remembered by one of his friends in a will, which appears from Trumbull's *Colonial Records*, to have been one of the earliest recorded in the Colony. It was dated October 17, 1648, and reads as follows:

"The testament of Edward Chalkwell, Imp. I doe bequeathe vnto Nicholas Sension my gunn and sword and bandaleers and best hatt aud 40 shillings. Item to John Moses, my best sute and coat and stockings and shoes. Item to Mr. Warham, 40 or 50 shillings according as my goods doe hold oute after my debts be paid. Item to George Phelps, 3 pounds and if anything be left I give it to the poor of the Church and I doe make George Phelps executor of this my will and testament. Witnesses Henry Wooleott, Nicholas Sension."

The inventory of the property shows that his "coate, jackett, and breeches" were 3£ out of a total of 13£ 7s. 8d.

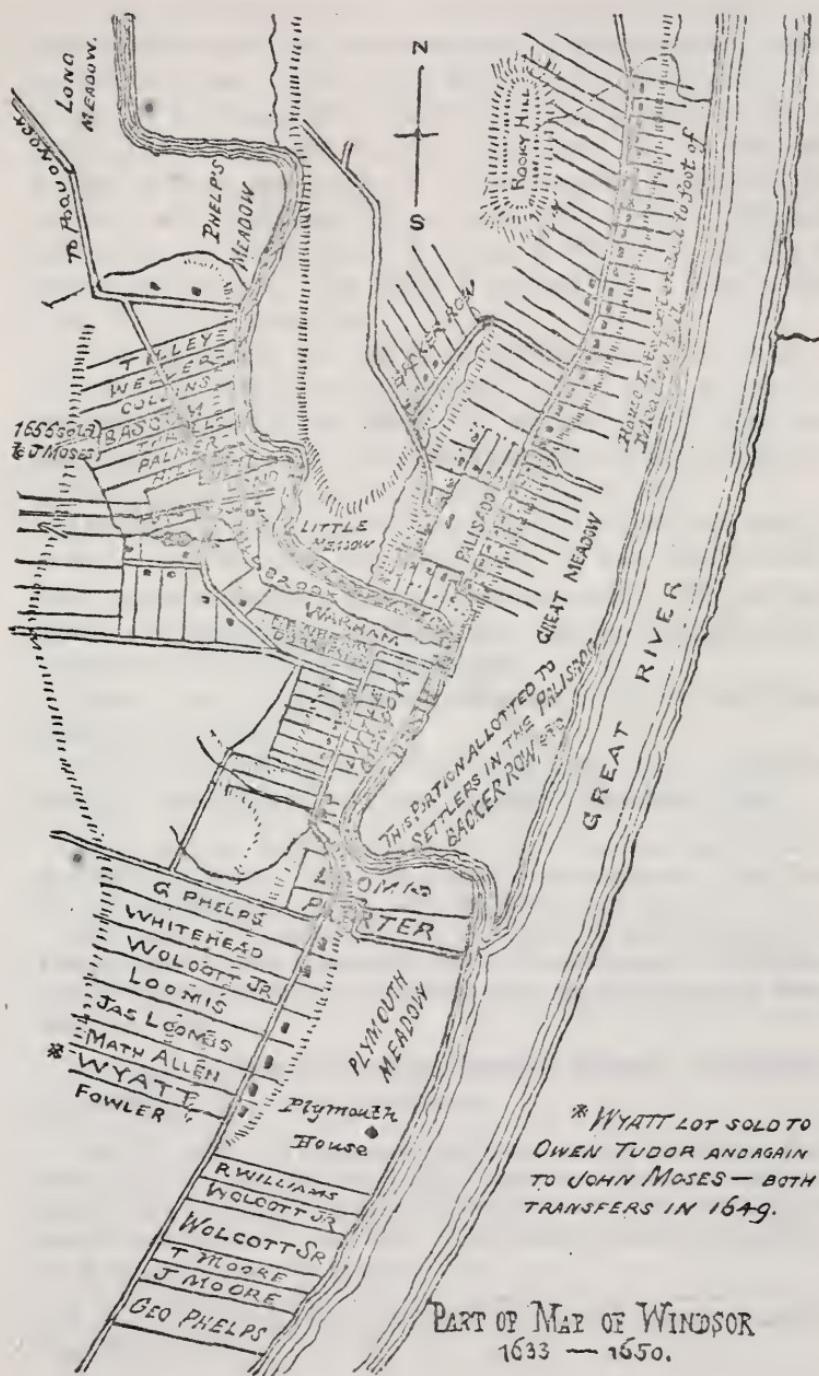
Of the parties mentioned in the trial and in the will, four of them, Matthew Allyn, John Moses, George Phelps, and Henry Wolcott, are found previous to 1650, as owners of town lots close adjoining each other, and on the old Plymouth Colony property.

Proceeding in chronological order, we next hear of John Moses in a deed dated May 1, 1649, and recorded in the Windsor *Town Records*, Vol. I, p. 120. The record reads:

"John Moses hath purchased of Owen Tudor his house orchard and home lot and hopyard with all the appurtenances lying on the East side of the highway, being 2 acres more or less in length from the bounds of Plimouth Meadow East through the swamp to the upland west as it Lyes, bounded North by the land of Matthew Allyn, South by the land of Ambrose Fowler in part and Henry Wolcott the Elder the residue, and by the lands of James Loomis the Elder West, East by Plimoth Meadow also 20 acres in the woods bounded North by the land of Thomas Ford, Every way else by the Common."

For a better understanding of this first purchase of John Moses, a copy in part of the map of Windsor, 1633 to 1650, is here reproduced.







If this map\* was intended to show the actual owners of lots in 1650, then the name of John Moses should have appeared thereon in place of Wyatt. Owen Tudor must have sold the same year he bought, as it appears from the *Hartford County Memorial History*, that "he (Tudor) bought the John Wyatt place 1649." The same history mentions that "John Wyatt only appears on record when his lot of two acres was sold to Owen Tudor, 1649." *Plymouth Records* give a Lieut. James Wyatt as a freeman of Taunton in that Colony in 1643. The name is unusual, and it may be that John Wyatt was a relative.

It will be noticed that the house purchased by John Moses in 1649 is the nearest to the old Plymouth House, and following the southern boundary in the description, we find that it must have come within a few rods of the first English house and fortification in Connecticut, built by the Plymouth Colony in 1633.

After the purchase of the Wyatt place, in 1649, we hear nothing of John Moses for more than two years. He may have been with John Griffin making and selling "pitch and tarre." It is unlikely that he, a young man, was permitted to live in the house he had bought, for the town records show that:

"Dec. 1, 1651, John Moses had allowance to sojourn with Simon Miller in his house."

The *Hartford County Memorial History* mentions, in connection with this entry that, in 1637, the General Court enacted that,

"No young man that is neither married nor hath any servant and be noe publick officer shall keep house by himself without consent of the Town where he lives first had, under pain of 20 shillings per week."

"No Master of a family shall give Habitation or entertainment to any young man to sojourn in his family but by the allowance of the Inhabitants of the Said Town where he dwells, under the like Penalty of 20 shillings per Week."

The same history gives other instances showing the watchful guardianship of the town authorities.

"Sept. 13, 1652, — It is assented that Isaac Shelden and Samuel Rockwell shall keep house together in the house that is Isaacs, so they carry themselves soberly and do not entertain idle persons to the evil expense of time by night or day." Also that, "John Bennet should be entertained by William Hayden in his family."

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\* A complete map of Windsor in 1650, is printed in *Stiles' History of Windsor*, and in *Hartford County Memorial History*.



Also, in 1656, — "That no person or persons whatsoever shall be admitted inhabitant in this town of Windsor without the approbation of the town. . . . Nor shall any man sett or sell any house or land so as to bring in any to be inhabitant into the town without the approbation of the townsmen, or giving in such security as may be accepted to save the town from damage."

John Moses having been quartered in the house of Simon Miller, we hear nothing further of him until the latter part of 1652, when he again appears before the Particular Court (see *Manuscript Records*, Vol. II, at office of Secretary of State, Hartford). "Sept. 7, 1652, In action between Job Drake plt. and John Moses Defdt. . . . Jury find for Defdt. — Costs of Court."

"Dec. 6, 1652, Owen Tudor plt. Contra John Moses Dfdt. in an action of slander to the damage 2 £. . . . Jury find for plaintiff."

The marriage of John Moses is thus entered in the Windsor Church record:

"JOHN MOSES MARRIED MARY BROWN, MAY 18, 1653."

The writer has made careful search, and does not find the name of Brown among the early settlers of Windsor or adjoining towns, excepting, however, Peter Brown of Windsor, whose first child, Mary Brown, was born May 2, 1659. Stiles, Phelps, and Brown, in their respective histories, so frequently referred to in these pages, all mention the Peter Brown family of Windsor as of Mayflower descent.

After his marriage, John Moses may have commenced house-keeping in the Wyatt House, purchased from Tudor in 1649, or, if Stiles is correct, he may have lived on his other property in the immediate neighborhood. We read in *History of Windsor*, p. 136: "John Moses bought a part of Joseph Loomis' home lot on the west, opposite side of the highway, and sold it in April, 1655, to Nathaniel Loomis."

In the manuscript records of the town of Windsor, Book I of Deeds, the writer found entered under date of July 9, 1656, several parcels of real estate, and on the margin of the record the disposition made of the properties after the death of John Moses. These entries are: "July 9, 1656, John Moses has purchased of Thos. Bascom his dwelling house and home lot and 6½ acres, more or less; also one parcel of 5¾ acres; also one parcel ¾



of an acre (afterward sold to Nicholas Palmer); also woodland (afterwards sold to Saml. Farnsworth); also butting against the lower end of Long Meadow, 32 acres; also in the 2<sup>d</sup> or Long Meadow, 4 acres of meadow (afterward made over to Timothy Moses). John Moses has by purchase of Richard Sexton 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres of Long Meadow—(To Timothy). John Moses has purchased of Walter Lee his home lot, 10 acres, in Windsor—(To Timothy)."

Page 125, Dec. 31, 1660.—"John Moses liath purchased of George Phelps a parcel lying north of the fence of Plymouth Meadow — eight acres, more or less."

From these, and similar holdings acquired at subsequent dates; from town proceedings; from his death at Windsor and probate of his estate; it is evident that the principal residence of John Moses was in Windsor, and that his residence and operations in Simsbury were made for business purposes, and perhaps for the sake of establishing his eldest son:

He was of a bold and adventurous spirit, and four years after his marriage we find him enrolled under the then hero and idol of New England, Capt. John Mason of Windsor.

In the town acts, March 11, 1657-8.—"A troop of 30 horse, the first in the Colony, was organized by the general Court and placed under the command of Capt. John Mason." In the list of troopers are 17 Windsor names, and among them "John Moses."

It will be most convenient in the remainder of this sketch to write of John Moses in connection with leading characteristics of his life, and without reference to the chronological order of events. As a soldier he was for years subject to constant calls from other occupations to repress, and at times to fight the Indians, who, in the immediate neighborhood of Windsor, vastly outnumbered the whites. If we examine a picture of a soldier of the Cromwellian period, we can probably form a fair idea of the appearance of the Windsor troopers. In the account of "*Two Voyages to New England*," 1638, John Josselyn gives the cost per man of equipping soldiers as follows: "Armor for one man 17 s — 1 long piece 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  foot 1L. 2s, — 1 sword 5s, 1 bandalier 1s 6d — 1 belt 1s — 20 lbs powder 18s, 60 lbs shot or lead, pistol and goose shot 5s." Winsor's *Dashbury* states: "The bandoleers were large leather belts worn by ancient musketeers for supporting of their arms. It passed over the right shoulder and under the left arm."



Stiles, in his *History of Windsor*, page 157, speaks of the "steel cap and breastplate of Capt. John Mason." In King Philip's War, 1675-6, the hardships endured, and the sacrifices made, by the trooper, John Moses, were of the order that "try men's souls." His property near Mount Phyliip (see old map of Simsbury) must have been swept away by the burning of Simsbury on March 26, 1676. The *Memorial History of Hartford County* describes it:

"It was a Sabbath day. A band of Philip's warriors rushed through the deserted town and applied the torch to the thatched roofs, and forty dwelling houses, with barns and other buildings, were consumed. Fences, farming utensils, furniture, farm produce, and provisions were gathered into heaps and burned. The ruin was complete; not a house or building was left."

Previous to this the different colonies had united to place an army in the field. In the campaign against the Indians, the close of the "Swamp fight," or "Storming of the Naragansett fort," in 1675, is thus described in Stiles' *History of Windsor*:

"Amid the shrieks of women and children and rattling of musketry . . . . the Indian defences were fired . . . . a dense column of smoke, which rose from the smouldering ashes, was all that was left of some 4,000 once brave and happy souls. It was a glorious victory for the English, but it brought sorrow as well as safety to their homes. 6 captains and 80 soldiers were killed or mortally wounded, and 150 wounded. Two days of exposure and three hours of hard fighting were followed by a distressing march through sleet and deep snows bearing with them their dead and wounded. The next morning the snow was exceedingly deep and the cold intense, and the jaded and frost bitten army could scarcely move. 400 troops were unfit for duty. Mason was so badly wounded that he died in a year after."

Says Hollister in his *History of Connecticut*:

"It would be idle for me to attempt to delineate the sufferings of the wounded soldiers.—A part of them as the night and storm advances become insensible.—The pulses grew feebler, the cheek paler, and the frame stiffened into its final repose."

Not only was John Moses in this battle, but we can fancy the feelings of a father when we know that he had two wounded sons with him on that terrible night march, boys of only 17 and 19 years.

How full of pathos is this entry, which the writer found at Windsor in the first volume of births and deaths:

"Here I set down the deaths of several persons that were against the Indians and were wounded that they dyed.—It was on 19 of December,



1675.—Thomas son of John Moses dyed July 29, buried ye 30, 1681.—22 years old.—W<sup>m</sup> Moses son of John Moses dyed Nov. 27, 1681."

The *History of Windsor*, in speaking of King Philip's war says: "To all the numerous levies drafted during the war, Windsor contributed a large proportion of troops, having in the service at different times 125 mounted dragoons. These dragoons from their greater facility of movement were constantly employed in rapid marches, bearing dispatches and scouting parties."—Among these troopers "in actual service and receiving pay on war account" we find the name of "John Moses."      **1692200**

On June 11, 1676—"Contributions for the sufferers after the burning of Simsbury;"—among other names we find "John Moses £5—6s." His own house in Simsbury was of course destroyed.

In the genealogies which follow these sketches, it will be found that many descendants of John Moses have been soldiers in all wars. They have not proved themselves unworthy of the family crest and motto of their English progenitors. (See Appendix.)

John Moses exhibited a combative nature, not only as a soldier, but he also had the moral courage to stand out for his convictions in religious matters, though his position must have been costly to him and unpleasant in every way. He probably inherited from his father a belief in the tenets of the Church of England.\* Under date of 1664 he appears as one of seven signers to a very remarkable and curiously worded document, which is given in full, having been copied by the writer from the original in the State Library at Hartford:

"TO THE HONORED AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CORPORATION OF CONNECTICUTT AND NEW ENGLAND.

"The humble address and petition of sundry persons of and belonging to, the same corporation sheweth:

\* See Neal's *History of New England*, Vol. I, page 215, as to "thousands in New England" belonging to that Church in 1635.

Lechford's *Plain Dealing*, published in 1641, p. 105: "Some late occurrences concerning Episcopacie—Master Wilson did lately ride to Green's Harbor in Plymouth Patent to appease a broyle between one Master Thomas and Master Blindman when Master Blindman went to the worst and was sent away to Coneticot." (Lechford was lawyer for John Moses; Green's Harbor the probable location of John Moses' shipyard in 1641; and "Master" was the title given by Lechford and some others to clergymen.)

John Moses (1-t) lived for more than seventeen years in Plymouth Colony before he "took the oath" as freeman in 1657—which was the year that several were heavily "fined for refusing to take the oath of fidelitie" and "for absenting themselves from the public worship of God."

Winsor's *History of Duxbury*, p. 34, "freemen were on special application admitted to those rights" . . . "church membership however being a necessary qualification."



"That whereas, we whose names are subscribed being Professors of the Protestant Christian Religion, Members of the Church of England and subjects to our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by God's Grace King of England etc, and under these sacred ties mentioned and maintained in our covenant sealed with our baptism, having seriously pondered on our past and present want of those ordinances which to us and our children as members of Christ's visible church ought to be administered. Which we apprehend to be to the dishonor of God and the obstruction of our own and our children's good (contrary to the pious will of our Lord the King, his main purpose in settling these plantations, as by the Charter and His Majesty's letter to the Bay June 26, 1662, and thereways is most evidently manifested) to our great grief, the sense of our duty towards God, the relation we stand in to our mother the Church, our grateful acceptance of His Majesty's Royal favor, the edification of our own and our children's souls, and many other good Christian and profitable ends (as also at a late session of this honored assembly having secured a favorable encouragement from the Worshipful Deputy Governor) hereunto moving us, we are bold by his own address to declare our aggreviance and petition for a redress of the same.

"Our aggreviance is, that we and ours are not under the due care of an Orthodox ministry, that will in a due manner administer to us those ordinances that we stand capable of, as the baptising of our children, our being admitted (as we according to Christ's order may be found meet) to the Lord's Table, and a careful watch over us in our way and suitable dealing with us as we do well or ill, with all whatsoever benefits and advantages belong to us as members of Christ's Visible Church, which ought to be dispensed by the officers of the same, of which being destitute, we humbly request, that the Honored Court would take into serious consideration our present state in this respect, that we are thus as sheep scattered having no shepherd and compare it with what we conceive you cannot but know, both God and our King would have it different from what it now is, and take some speedy and effectual course for redress therein, and put us in a full and free capability of enjoying those aforementioned advantages which to us as Christ's Visible Church do of right belong, by establishing some wholesome law in this Corporation, by notice whereof, we may both claim and receive of such officers, who are or shall be by law set over us in the Church or Churches where we have our abode or residence these forementioned privileges and advantages.

"Furthermore we humbly request that for the future, no law in this Corporation may be of any force to make us pay or contribute to the maintenance of any minister or officer of the Church that will neglect or refuse to baptise our children and to take care of us, as of such members of the Church as are under his or their charge or care.

"That in hopes that your careful and speedy consideration and issue hereof, will be answerable to the weight of the matter, and our necessities, and that matters of less moment may be omitted till this be issued. We

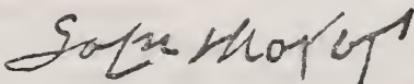


wait for a good answer, and for this Honorable Court we shall ever pray, etc.

" Signed by WILLIAM PITKIN (Hartford).  
 " MICHAEL HUMPHREY (Windsor).  
 " JOHN STEDMAN (Hartford).  
 " JAMES ENO (Windsor).  
 " ROBERT REEVE ———  
 " JOHN MOSES (Windsor).  
 JONAS WESTOVER (Windsor)."

" Oct. 17, 1664.

Facsimile of the signature of John Moses to the above petition.



It is probable that a similar paper was previously presented, for we find in the *Colonial Records*, under date of March 10, 1663, this entry:

" Mr. Clarke in behalf of the Church complaynes of James Eno and Michael Humphrey for a misdemeanor in offering violence to an established law of this Colony . . . . for several things contayned in a paper presented to the Court . . . . The Court having seriously considered the case respecting James Eno and Michael Humphrey do declare such practice to be offensive."

. . . . " The Court remits the sensure due, provided answerable reformation doth follow."

In the old Windsor Church record is given a full list of the members of the Church of Windsor in 1677. The name of John Moses is not found among them. *Stiles' History of Windsor* gives a petition of nearly 100 inhabitants on the east side of the river for a "Particular Worship," and among the signers John Moses. As this was May 13, 1680, and he died in Windsor three years thereafter, it is probable that he adhered to the Church of England all his life.

Although they signed papers and took part in church quarrels, it is reasonably certain that the sons of John Moses were not members of the Puritan Church. See a list of members of the Church of Simsbury in 1697 — (*Phelps' History*, p. 55), in which the sons of John Moses are not mentioned. As soon as an Episcopal parish was established some of the Moses children were baptized therein, and for several generations a considerable number of the Moses name are found with that church. The Rev. William Gibbs was the first rector of the St. Andrews Parish in Simsbury. If we are to credit an account given by Peters in his *History of Connecticut*,



he was at times very badly treated by the Puritans. Phelps, in his *History of Simsbury*, says of him: "He was a missionary sent out by a society instituted in England for the propagation of the Gospel; . . . also . . . Towards the close of his life ill health prevented his preaching, but it did not in the least diminish his ardor in the cause of Episcopacy, or his affection for his parishioners. Few clergymen have lived more beloved, or died more lamented. His good name yet survives, though nearly seventy years have passed since his decease."

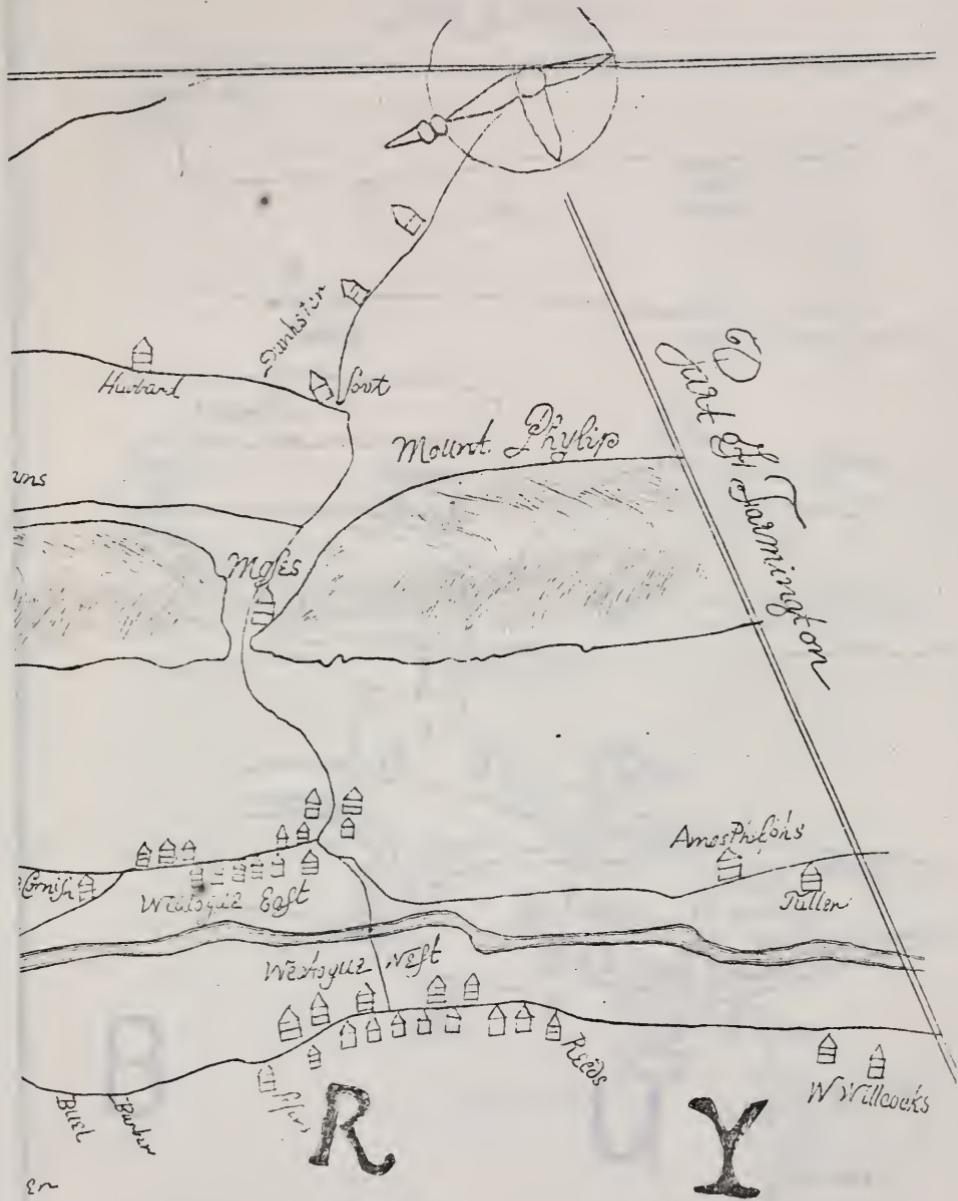
The adherence of John Moses to the unpopular Church of England indicates a strong character, and we are therefore not surprised to find him leading in the settlement of Simsbury, where, indeed, he must have resided at different times without giving up his property and home in Windsor. *Phelps' History of Simsbury* is now quoted, page 13: "The first grants by the committee of which any record exists were made in 1667." Among the twenty-three names we find John Moses located in "Weatague east." . . . "These persons did not immediately remove their families from Windsor to Massacoe, though it is believed that by 1669 all of them had become inhabitants of the new plantation."

A tracing has been made by the writer, from the original in the State Library, Hartford, of a part of the map of Simsbury, made in 1730, and it is here reproduced. It will be seen that the location of John Moses in the mountain pass by Mount Philip peculiarly exposed him to attack from the Indians.

Very probably John Moses had some practical training in mechanics from his father, the shipwright of Plymouth. In the course of his business career he was connected with the building and operating of grist mills, saw mills, and cider mills; and the irons and tools in his house at his death indicate that he was familiar with the mechanics of milling. From *Phelps' History*, page 77:

"The first mills erected in town were situated on Hop Brook, near the present site of Tuller's Mills, and were built in 1679. These consisted of a grist and saw mill, and were put up by Thomas Barber, John Moses, John Terry, and Ephraim Howard, who contracted with the town to keep the mills in good repair, to grind grain for the tolls allowed by law, to sell to the inhabitants boards at four and six pence per hundred, and not to transport oak to any other town. In consideration of which, the town allowed them the mill privileges, the right to take timber on the common lands, — a lot of good timber lands, and twenty pounds payable in town



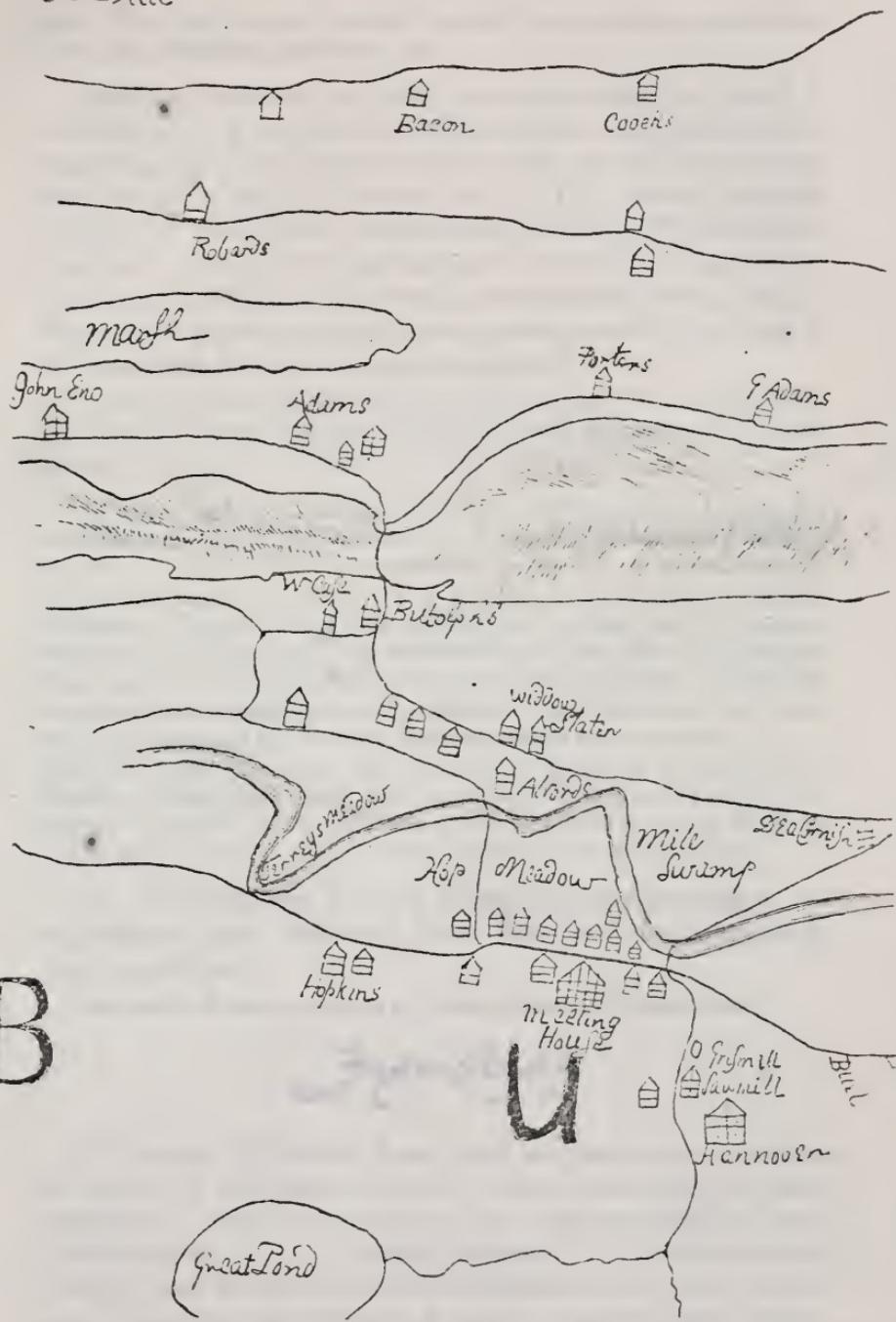


SIMSBURY — MADE ABOUT 1730.



# Part of Windsor

Five Hill



PART OF MAP OF SIMSBURY



rates. The place has been occupied as a mill seat up to the present time (1845) one hundred and sixty-six years."

The writer found the mill still in existence when he visited it in 1889, and it is yet known as Tuller's Mills. A grandson and a granddaughter of the John Moses, builder and miller as above, each married a Tuller. *Simsbury Rec.*, B. II, p. 150, is recorded, on April 13, 1716: "John Moses deeded to his son Thomas Moses a mill and privileges lying on the east side of the river against my old house lot, also on a line running to the end of Mount Philip." This is yet another mill, and was perhaps erected by John of Windsor, father of the John here mentioned.

Whenever negotiations with the Indians were to be conducted, the town of Windsor seems to have desired the services of John Moses. On page 109 of *Styles' Windsor* we find that :

"In April, 1666, Jas. Enno and John Moses purchased from Nassahegan lands on both sides of the Rivulet from Windsor to Massacoe. This land extended on the south side of the Rivulet to the foot of Massacoe Mountain, and on the North side to the Mountain that answers to the foresaid Mountain—Eastward to a new way or road passing out of Pipestave swamp going to Westfield, and Southward from the Rivulet to the Mill Brook as it runs into the Wilderness and so to the Mountains. This tract, containing some 28,000 acres, was confirmed to the purchasers Dec., 1669, by Rippaquam and Seacet, excepting two islands in the rivulet." . . . Enno and Moses the same year released this purchase to the town of Windsor, whose agents they were, and received 15 L—14 s—2 d—the amount expended by them, in lands situate under the Simsbury Mountain above Salisbury Plain, near the river, and known as Tillins Marsh."

The *Hartford County Memorial History* gives the facsimile of the signatures of John Moses and James Enno from the Indian deeds above mentioned.

Facsimile of the signature of John Moses on Indian Deed.

In Windsor, 2d Book of Town Acts, are two entries in relation to dealings of John Moses with the Indians, which time has nearly obliterated. They are as follows, p. 9: "This day (Feb. 3, 1667,) John Moses has . . . (undecipherable) . . . about Indian Yuxrgas, and now demands (undecipherable) pounds from ye town and relinquishes his demand of land." Page 46, May 3, 1677: "All of townsmen being together John Moses—(undecipherable)



Indians—(undecipherable) and Jacob Drake and Thos Bissell to go out with him to Massacoe as soon as they can." This last entry evidently refers to an exploration, and the sending of an advance party with a view to the re-occupation of the abandoned homes, after the burning of Simsbury by the Indians. Very likely it was soon after this that John Moses rebuilt his home in the mountain pass (see map, opposite page 38), aided, no doubt, by his eldest son, who was at that time 23 years of age. This spot is described in the *Hartford County Memorial History* as follows:

"Mount Philip is scarcely distinguishable from Taleott Mountain, but from any standpoint in the Farmington valley it is a distinct and prominent mountain peak . . . . From the summit the view is enchanting. There stand the Tower and the Summer-house. . . . Mount Philip received its name from the first settlers on their return from their sad exodus at the burning of Simsbury. By that name only it has been known by their descendants for more than two hundred years. Every rod of land upon it is, and has been many times recorded as lying and being upon Mount Philip."

The writer visited Simsbury for the first time in the spring of 1889. The extensive meadows spreading for miles along the Farmington River (the ancient Tunxis); — the noble elms scattered over the whole length of the valley; — the absence of factories and the noisy adjuncts of trade; — are features that combine to give to the Simsbury valley a charm which justifies all that has been said in its praise. For the information of those of the Moses name who may desire to make a pilgrimage to the home of their ancestors it is proper to add that no vestige of the old Moses house now remains. During his stay in the town the writer was greatly indebted to Jeffery O. Phelps, Esq., for information concerning Simsbury families and localities. He stated that the last of the Moses family to occupy the homestead were the widow and children of Michael Moses, who lived there as late as 1840 or 1845. The home was torn down in 1855; the stones have been removed from the cellar and the site leveled. The property is now owned by the heirs of Amon Latimer.

Returning from this description of the outlying plantation of John Moses at the base of Mount Philip to his home at Windsor, quotations are now given from the town records to show his locality and neighborhood in that first of Connecticut towns.

From Vol. I, p. 46, of *Windsor Town Acts*: — "Feby 18, 1660—On this day complaint was brought in of some neglect among the neighbors that



should have made a sufficient ditch to drain the highway. It is now referred with the consent of Wm. Phelps, John Moses and James Enno to a committee . . . . If it be judged meet to carry the water between the land of John Moses and Nicholas Omhorn their other neighbors shall joyne as the committee shall judge is to be beneficial to them." . . . . "Also a difference has come between John Moses and James Enno about a piece of ground before the house of James Enno, John Moses has now agreed that James Enno shall have it to injoye it— Also John Moses is allowed to injoye that swell of land that lyes between the bounds of his first lot and the highway." Page 163, "Mar. 15, 1672. John Moses purchase 1 83 acres of Ruben Strong — 30 acres in a tryangle — also 13 acres John Moses has had bounded out to him by Samuel Grant at Greenfield." Page 188, "February 2, 1677 — Mary relict of Capt Saml Marshall de easel and Capt Bnj Newberry, Capt. Daniel Clark, Lieut David Wilton and Lieut John Mandisly sell to John Moses of Windsor a parcel of marsh land lying towards the west bounds of Windsor, being of estimation ten acres."

We glean some further items from manuscript records in the archives of the Secretary of State at Hartford. Vol. II.— Particular Court.— Mar. 4, 1657 —

"Nicholas Palmer for letting some Indians more than once have Syder to drinke contrary to the law of this Commonwealth is fined forty pound,  $\frac{1}{2}$  part to be paid to Josias Ellsworth and John Moses in equal proportion the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the Public treasury."

May 12, 1659 — John Moses—a Juryman of the Particular Court.

June 4, 1659, and January 15, 1664 — John Moses a juryman of the Hartford Quarter Court.

Before the Quarter Court March 3, 1669 — "John Moses plaintiff Thomas Mascall Defdt. for breach of covenant — £12."

April 19, 1670. "John Moses complains against Edward Bartlett for attaching 18 bushels of corn at Massacoe. — Judgment against John Moses 10 shillings and costs."

June 1, 1670. — "William Alistone engageth his cowe, his horse and sowe to John Moses to answer what he shall be found to be truly indebted to him."

April 5, 1671 — John Moses collector of Rates.

March 7, 1671-2 — Estate of Timothy Plumb. — John Moses and Joseph Ellsworth constables sworn for Windsor.

Jany 20, 1673, March 2, 1675, and April 18, 1677 — John Moses served as juryman of the Quarter Court.

From 1677 to 1683 we hear little of John Moses. His residence during this period in all probability alternated between Simsbury and Windsor.

His life of great activity and usefulness to the settlers of both



towns was brought to a close October 14, 1683, as recorded in 1st vol. of births and deaths of the town of Windsor. His age is nowhere given. He died without a will. The writer has obtained certified copies of all probate papers connected with the settlement of the estates of John Moses of Windsor, of his widow who died September 14, 1689, and of the eldest son John, who died August 3, 1714. These papers bear so strongly on the business and family relations of John Moses that no excuse is offered for their appearance in full:

Probate Records, v. 4, p. 75:—A County Court held at Hartford December 6, 1683.—

An inventory of the estate of John Moses was exhibited in Court & oath made by his relict that there was a true presentment of the estate of the deceased to the appraisers so far as at present is known, & if more comes to knowledg it shell be aded to the inventory.

1683. Vol. IV, pp. 141, 142:—An Inventory of the estate of John Moses whoe deceased October 14, 1683:

	£	s	d
Imprimis, his dwelling house barne sider house and home lott.	70	00	00
To 11 acres of land on the other side of the way.	27	00	00
To 24 acres of woodland at 10s per acre.	12	00	00
To 32 acres of woodland neere second meadow.	13	00	00
To 6 aeres 3-4 in second meadow.	20	00	00
To a home lott bought of Walter Lee containing 10 acres.	40	00	00
To 24 acres swamps & woodland by the mill brook.	10	00	00
To 13 acres of woodland purchased of Sarah Linsly.	13	00	00
To 10 acres of marsh near Massacoe.	12	00	00
To 100 acres of woodland near Paquanock.	40	00	00
To 90 acres of woodland near Massengery.	30	00	00
To 25 acres of land at Massacoe wth barne & house.	86	00	00
To 2 cider presses a mill tubs & a press chaine.	08	00	00
To lumber in the barne a fann & aples.	01	00	00
To hay wheat barley & flax in the barne.	10	00	00
To 32 barrells of cyder at 10s per barrell.	16	00	00
To 4 cowes one steer & a calfe.	19	15	00
To 2 horses 61. To 9 swine 71.	13	00	00
To an iron kettle 16s. An iron trowe 2s.	00	18	00
To an iron pott 4s. To a grindstone 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ s.	1	04	00
To a horse collar traces cart & other tackling.	1	00	00
To cedar at home 10s. cedar payd for 30s.	2	00	00
To 2 payer of pistolls & houlsters.	2	05	00
To iron tools & old iron & chaines in the parlor.	1	00	00
To 3 gunns 31. To a saddle cloath brest plate & crooper 25s.	4	05	00
To wearing apparell.	17	19	00
To a chasse bed boulster & 1 payer of sheets 2 coveredls 1 blanket.	1	00	00



	£	s	d
To a feather bed & bolster payer old sheets 1 covered.	5	05	00
To a bedstead curtaines & valents.	2	00	00
To trundle bedsted 6s. To 1 doz napkins 12s.	00	18	00
To 7 payer of sheets 51. To 5 payer pillow beers 12.	06	00	00
To a chest 3s. To 4 bags salt & a barill 13s.	00	16	00
To a piece of leather 10s. To lumber in the parlor 10s.	01	00	00
To 22 yds of tow cloth at 2s, 6p per yrd.	02	15	00
To 8 yds of cotton cloth at 4s per yard.	01	12	00
To 3 shott pouches & bulletts 8s. To a small pistol 5s.	00	13	00
To 10 yds of duffler at 2s per yard.	04	00	00
To 23 yds of woolen cloath at 4s 6p per yard.	05	03	00
To 2 yards of lindsy woolsey 6s. To 3 yds woolen cloath 4s 6p per yard.	00	19	06
To books 12s. To one payer of stillyards. 12s.	01	04	00
To a croscott sawe 12s. To a mill saw 12 10s.	02	02	00
To 8 porring dishes & a bason 10s. 4 cups 2 dram cups 8s.	00	18	00
To 3 trannels 1 payer of cob iron tonges & slice.	01	00	00
To a cutlash 15s. To a cartroape 2s.	00	17	00
To an old pot & kettle 12. To 5 pewter platters 12.	02	00	00
To lastin ware 5s. To 7 glass bottles & 3 juzzgs 8s.	00	13	00
To 2 earthen cups and a salt, an hourre glas & canillestick.	00	02	06
To wooden ware & 5 spoones 6s. To 5 payles 5s.	00	11	00
To a great kettell 21. another kettle 16s. another kettell 24s.	04	00	00
To 3 littell kettels & 2 skillets.	01	00	00
To a warming pan 5s. a frying pan 6s. A spitt 2s.	00	14	00
To 5 baggs 12s-6p. To 4 bush 1-2 corne 11s-3p.	01	03	09
To 3 payer of cardes 4s. To a table 10s. 4 chayers 4s.	00	18	00
To 3 sickles 5s. To a sith & snead 2s.	00	07	00
To tubbs & keelers & 2 small cask.	00	08	00
To 2 bedsteads & coarde 10s. a box 3s. A chest 2s.	00	15	00
To a bed 1 payer of sheets 2 coverleds & boulster.	03	15	00
To another bed boulster payer of sheets a coverlid ruggs & 2 pillows.	02	10	00
To 11 pounds hempe 5s-6p. To 12 pounds occom yarne 12s.	00	17	06
To 7 pounds of cotton & woolen yarne.	09	17	06
To 2 yards of flaxen cloath.	00	06	00
To an old saddle a pillion & cloath.	01	00	00
To 4 bush 1-2 corne 11s-3p. To a cradle 4s.	00	15	03
To 39 lbs of yarne at the weavers.	01	10	00
To 78 lbs of cotton & 3 lbs of flax.	06	00	00
To lumber in the chamber & a payer of old boots.	00	06	00
To 5 small caske.	00	10	00
To 2 old coverleds.	00	10	00
To 11 bush of oatmeale & 4 baggs sent to Boston.	04	00	00
To a thousand of board at Massacoe.	02	00	00
To a firkin of soape.	00	15	00



	£	s	d
To a canoee.	00	15	00
To 1 spade & 2 broad howes.	00	10	00
To tobaccoe and hops.	00	10	00
To a pitch forke & hay knife.	00	05	00
To 6 barells of cyder.	03	00	00
To 50 aple trees.	02	10	00
To irons of a saw mill.	02	00	00
To one payer of oxen at Massacoe.	10	00	00
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	575	01	00

Apprised by us,— HENRY WOLCOTT.

TIMOTHY PHELPS Senr.

DANIEL BIRGE.

Debts due to John Moses a yoake of oxen.

£	s	d
10	00	00

The children are,—

John,	28 years of age.
Timothy,	14 " " "
Mary,	22 " " "
Sarah,	19 " " "
Margaret,	17 " " "
Martha,	12 " " "
Mindwell,	07 " " "

Vol. 4, p. 79:—A speciale Court held at Hartford December 18th. 1683.—This Court grants administration upon the estate of John Moses to the widdow and her son John, & distribute the estate as followeth:—to the widdow sixty fower pounds of the personal estate to be to her and her heirs forever & a third of the reall during her life:—to the eldest son one hundred, & twenty four pounds:—to Timothy sixty six pounds:—to Mary the eldest daughter because of her weaknesse seventy pounds:—to the fower youngest daughters sixty pounds apiece, to be payd to the children as they come of age & if any dye before they be of age their portions are to be divided among the survivors, & if the estate fall short by debts it is to be born proportionally by the legatees according to this division, & John Moore & Return Strong are appoynted to be overscers to assist the administrator, & to distribute the estate to the children as they come of age, the sons to have their portions in land part present & the rest in reversion after their mother.

Vol. 4, p. 85:—A County Court held at Hartford March 6. 1684:—Whereas this Court bath been informed that in John Moses inventory there is a parecle of land bought of Sarah Linsley thirteen acres valued at thirteen pound, which is judged worth sixty pounds, that parecle of land is by those appoynted to distribute the estate to be valued in proportion as the other land & what overpluss it makes is to help beare what the estate is fallen short since the inventory is taken.



Vol. 5, p. 7:—A County Court held at Windsor by adjournment November 11, 1689.

The last will and testament of Mary (widow) Moses was exhibited in Court and oath made to it by Job Drake & inventory of the estate, both which the Court accepted of & approved & order it to be recorded. This Court do appoynt Sargt Timothy Phelps & Josiah Gillet to distribute the estate to the children according to the will of the deceased & to secure the portions of the younger children till they be of age or deliver it into the hands of their guardians.

1689. SEPT. 9TH. MARY MOSES LAST WILL WAS that her son John should have two barrels of cyder & Timothy should have the cyder mill and press & the rest of her estate should be equally divided amongst the rest of her children.

GEORGE NORTON.

JOBE DRAKE, June.

Vol. 5, pp. 32, 33:—An Inventory of the estate of Mary Moses widdow deceased taken Sept. 23, 1689.

	£	s.	p.
Imprimis. 1 great kete 21 5s. 1 small kete 1L.	03	05	00
To a feather bed 2 pillowes 1 chafe bolster.	03	00	00
To 1 bed boulster pillow 30s. 3 ruggs 31. 15s. 1 rug 10s.	05	15	00
To 3 sheets 30s. 2 payre of sheets 30s. 2 payer of pillow best 6s.	03	06	00
To 1 bed sted & cord & curtains & valens	02	00	00
To 5 towels 5s. 5 yds linin & woolen cloth & 2 remnants of cloath 11s.	00	16	00
To her wareing aparel linin & woolen.	07	06	00
To 112 yds lining yarne 23s. 23 lbs of oecum yarne 1 L-14s.- 6p.	01	17	06
To 1 payer of cards 1s. 3 earthen pots. 2s.	00	03	00
To 1 pewter pint & beater 3s. 2 iron pots & pot hooks 24s.	01	07	00
To meale in the barne 6s. a payer of pillowes. 1s.	00	07	00
To payles 3s. 3 bush indian 7s-6p. 3 bush 1-2 rye meale 16s. 01	00	06	
To salt 18p. 4 chairs 4s. 3 spoons 18p.	00	07	00
To 4 old barells 8s. 2 axes 8s.	00	16	00
To the mill & press.	06	00	00
To 5 swine 4£-10s. 2 cowes 81. 1 heifer 21. 2 calves 1L-10s. 16	00	00	
To aples 41. 2 acres of indian corn 1L. 10s.	05	10	00
To hay made in the 2nd meadow.	02	00	00
To hops on the ground.	00	05	00
To 3 old barells 6s. 1 chest 5s.	00	11	00
Total.	<hr/>	62	12 00

Taken by JOHN MOSES.

Vol. 9, p. 28:—(holograph) will of John Moses of Simsbury.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN.—

I, John Moses, being of sound minds and memory, altho weak of bodily, but calling to mind my own mortalite and knowing that it is appointed



for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial att the discretion of my Executeur, nothing doubting but att the Generel Resurection I shall receive the same again by the maity power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bles me in this life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following maner and forme after my funeral charge and other lawful dept ar paid.

In primis I give and bequeath unto Deborah my derly beloved wife a thirds of all my improvable lands during her natural live and the thirds of my mouvable estate for ever, with the halve of my buildings, halve the seller, a halve the wels during her natural live.

Item, I give unto John my beloved son five shelings seeing I have given him alredy fifty pounds.

Item. I gave unto my son Williaume the halve of land lying upon the West River in the west montaigne seeing he have alredy receeved forty pounds.

Item. to my son Thomas I give him a halow lying nex the river upon the Reiet hand of Sermenton Route souther of Thomas Humfryis botom, seeing he have alredy receeved fourty pounds.

Item. I give my youngest son Caleb a double portion of the remainder of my estate.

Item. I give unto my son Jochua a equell portion with my three daughters, namely Deborah Mary and Martha, the rest of my Estate to be equaly diuideid betwene them four of my children last mentioned, that is to be understod my undiveideid estate.

Fardre, I do ordaine and appointe my well beloved frind James Cornish Seignieur and my loving wife Deborah to be the Executeurs of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoque and disabule all and every other former testament will legacies and bequests and executeurs by me in any ways befor named willed and bequeathed, ratifaied and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of Augus, Seventeen hundre and fourteen, in the presence of the witnes her mentioned.

JOHN MOSES. (Seal).

Andrew Robe

Mary X Humphry

James Poisson.

Vol. 8, p. 257:—A Court of Probate holden at Hartford within and for the County of Hartford, July 5th, Anno Dom. 1715.

John Moses of Symsbury Administrator on the estate of John Moses Senior late of Symsbury deceased, exhibited now in this Court an Inventory of the estate of the said deceased upon oath in manner accustomed,



which inventory the Court orders to be recorded and kept on file, namely an Inventory of such estate of said deceased found remaining upon the decease of the executrix.

Vol. 8, p. 258:—

Caleb Moses\* of Simsbury a minor aged about 16 years &  $\frac{1}{2}$ , — son of John Moses Senior late of Simsbury deceased, appeared now before this Court and made choice of his brother Joshua Moses of Simsbury to be his Guardian, whereupon this Court doth allow and confirm the said Joshua Moses to be Guardian of the said minor accordingly, and the said Joshua Moses before this Court acknowledged himself bound to the treasury of this County in a recognizance of fifty pounds lawfull money that he will truly and faithfully perform his trust of Guardian of the said minor according to law.

Mary Moses of Simsbury a minor aged about 13 years appeared now before this Court and made choice of her brother William Moses of Simsbury to be her Guardian, whereupon this Court doth allow and confirm him to be Guardian of the said minor accordingly. And the said William Moses before this Court acknowledged himself bound to the treasury of this County in a recognizance of fifty pounds lawfull money, that he will truly and faithfully perform his trust of Guardian of the said minor according to law.

This Court doth appoint and constitute Joshua Moses of Simsbury to be Guardian to Martha Moses a minor aged about 10 years, daughter of John Moses Senior late of Simsbury deceased, and the said Joshua Moses before this Court acknowledged himself bound to the treasury of this County in a recognizance of fifty pounds that he will truly and faithfully discharge his trust of Guardian of the said minor according to law.

Nearly all of the earlier Windsor and Simsbury town records contribute something to the family history. Space is afforded to the references, in the event that any Moses descendant should desire to make further searches.

Windsor Deeds, Vol. II. Dec. 16, 1683.—Set off of 100 a. from her father's estate to Mary Moses w. of Saml. Farnsworth. Dec. 16, 1683.—Set off 123 a. to Sarah Moses w. of Saml. Butler. Dec. 11, 1683.—Deed of John Moses and his mother Mary Moses Ad. of John Moses. Mar. 19, 1690.—Set off of her portion to Martha Moses now Martha Crow.

Windsor Deeds, Vol. V. Feby. 24, 1719.—Joshua and Caleb Moses to Sergt. James Eno, lands part in Simsbury and part in Windsor, between Turkey Hills and the River. May 5, 1725.—Deed to William Thrall,

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\* The writer has in his possession the original will of this Caleb Moses, who died in his 91st year. His second son was Daniel, who died a soldier in the Revolutionary war. For distribution of his estate see *Simsbury Probate Records*, p. 166. The third son of Daniel was Zebina Moses, the first of the name, and whose will is found in *Simsbury Probate Records*, Vol. VII, p. 53.



signed by Mary Tuller (alias Moses,) w. of Jacob Tuller, Richard Roberts and Deborah Roberts (alias Moses) and Martha Moses.

Simsbury Town Acts, Book I, page 17. Nov. 29, 1677.—Grant from the town to William Moses. This was the William "wounded 19 of Dec. 1675,"—"that he dyed,—Nov. 27, 1681," and it will be noted that the grant was made on his attaining his majority. Grants by the town of Simsbury to John Moses are found in the same volume, pages 30, 34, 39, 46 (two grants), and 57.

John, the son of John of Windsor, appears to have made over much of his property to his children before his death, and to have regretted it, in one instance at least. Vol. II of Deeds, Feb. 7, 1703:—"Land between the two Phillips, the northerly end bounded upon the lands of my father John Moses." Dec. 30, 1706, John Moses, Sr. gives to his sons John and William as part of their portion—April 18, 1710, to his son Thomas; April 22, 1710, to his son John; Nov. 8, 1710, to his son William. On a leaf of the *Simsbury Records* is found this entry: "John Slater Reg. of Town of Simsbury. We give you notice not to record to my son John Moses that deed of land that he had of me,—to wit: of part of my meadow lot here in Simsbury at Weatogue until further orders from me and I pray you take notice of this my caution by me John Moses Sr. Ent. Jany. 14, 1708."

Vol. II of Deeds. May 30, 1709—John M xwell to William Moses:—Nov. 11, 1712. Thomas Moses in deed mentions his "brother William and Honored father John."

In a town list (*Sims. Rec.*) of lands owned in Simsbury in 1723 we find: "John Moses 140 acres, Joshua Moses 150 acres, Caleb Moses 100 acres, William Moses 74 acres, and Thomas Moses 54 acres.



## EXPLANATIONS.

The numbers at the left of names are for tracing purposes, and are so placed for convenience in subsequent references to a preceding ancestor.

When a name is not carried forward for an independent paragraph, all that is to be said concerning that name appears immediately following its first mention.

The small numeral above the name indicates the generation to which that name belongs. The following abbreviations are used: m. for married, b. for born, d. for died, bap. for baptized: (Pro. Rec.) for Probate Records; (Hart. Pro. Rec.) for Probate Records of Hartford; (H. of Wind.) for History of Windsor by Henry R. Stiles; (H. of Sims.) for History of Simsbury, Granby, and Canton, Conn., by Noah A. Phelps, published in 1845; (H. of W. Sims.) for Genealogical Sketches of the Early Settlers of West Simsbury, now Canton, Conn., by Abiel Brown, published in 1856; (Sims. Rec.) for manuscript records of the town of Simsbury, Conn.; (W. Rec.) for manuscript records of the town of Windsor, Conn.; (St. A. Ch. Rec.) for manuscript parish records of Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, Bloomfield, Conn.; (W. B. Ch. Rec.) for Old Wintonbury Parish Records; (Sims. Ch. Rec.) for manuscript records of Puritan Church of Simsbury: (Col. Hist. Conn.) for Colonial History of Conn. by Trumbull and Hoadly; (Bark. Rec.) for manuscript records of Barkhamsted, Conn.; (Farm. Rec.) for manuscript records of Farmington, Conn.: (Nor. Rec.) for manuscript records of Norfolk, Conn.; (Coll. Essex Ins.) for Historical Collections of the Essex, Mass., Institute.



## CHAPTER IV.

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### SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN MOSES OF PLYMOUTH AND JOHN MOSES OF WINDSOR AND SIMSBURY.

**1** JOHN<sup>1</sup> MOSES of Plymouth, Mass., shipwright, came to New England between 1630 and 1640.

CHILDREN: \* John Moses of Windsor, d. Oct. 14, 1683.

**2** JOHN<sup>2</sup> MOSES, son of John (1), settled at Windsor, Conn., previous to 1647, soldier of Capt. John Mason's troop of horse, m. Mary Brown, May 18, 1653. He d. Oct. 14, 1683. She d. Sept. 14, 1689.

CHILDREN: (Wind. Rec. and Hist. Sims.): John, b. June 15, 1654, d. Aug. 31, 1714; William, b. Sept. 1, 1656, d. Nov. 27, 1681; Thomas, b. Jan. 14, 1658, d. July 29, 1681; Mary, b. May 13, 1661; Sarah, b. Feb. 2, 1662; Nathaniel, b. ——; Dorcas, b. ——; Margaret, b. Dec. 2, 1666; Timothy, b. Feb. 1670; Martha, b. March 8, 1672, d. Jan. 30, 1689; Mindwell, b. Dec. 13, 1676, d. Jan. 6, 1697. Windsor Church Record under date of Aug. 7, 1677, mentions that John Moses had then 9 children.

*Mary* was the second wife of Samuel Farnsworth, mar. in 1685, had son, Joseph, b. Aug. 20, 1705.

*Sarah* was the wife of Samuel Butler.

*Martha*, m. Samuel Crow, Jan. 30, 1689.

*Mindwell*, m. Sgt. John Thrall, Jan. 6, 1697, and had nine children: John, b. Oct. 13, 1699; Moses, b. April 29, 1702; Aaron, b. Sept. 27, 1704, d. 1731; Amy, b. Jan. 10, 1706; Joseph, b. May 13, 1710; Daniel, b. Dec. 13, 1712; Jeel, b. 1716; Charles, b. 1718; Jerusha, b. 1722.

**3** JOHN<sup>3</sup> MOSES, son of John (2), settled in Simsbury, Conn., on his father's farm near Mount Philip. Married Deborah Thrall, July 14, 1680. She belonged to Puritan Church — see list, (H. Sims.) Nov. 10, 1697, of 43 persons. She d. May 16, 1715.

CHILDREN: (Sims. Rec.) John, b. April 26, 1681, d. 1759; Deborah (1st), b. Oct. 1, 1682, d. 1683; William, b. March 25, 1684, d. July 14, 1745; Thomas, b. May 8, 1685; Joshua, b. Oct. 3, 1689, d. Feb. 6, 1753;

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\* Henry Moses, of Salem, Mass., who was married Feb. 1, 1659, and was a sea captain, was probably a son (see No. 144). Thomas Moses, of Dorchester, Mass., was possibly another son (see Chap. VI).



Deborah (2d), b. Jan. 12, 1691; Caleb (1st), b. Aug. 1, 1694, d. Nov. 23, 1697; Othniel, b. Jan. 10, 1696, d. March 18, 1697; (Sims, Ch. Rec.) — (undecipherable) "Moses, son of John, bap. Nov. 14, 1697." Caleb (2d), b. (Sims, Rec.) Jan. 4, 1698, d. Mar. 21, 1757. "This is ye 2d son of yt name." Othniel (Sims, Ch. Rec.), b. Sept. 6, 1701 — bap. 7th, d. Sept. 11, 1701. Mary, b. Sept. 1, 1702; Martha, b. 1705.

*Deborah*, m. Richard Roberts soon after death of her father.

*Mary*, m. Jacob Tuller, Jan. 27, 1721.

*Martha*, (Hist. Wind.) "Martha, Aunt of Lieut. Timothy Moses, d. July 9, 1734, aged about 56." (Sims, Rec.) Mary Moses, daughter of Martha Moses, b. June 5, 1736.

4 WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN (2), lived with his father in Windsor. Was a soldier in "Philip's War." At the age of 19, at the storming of the Narragansett fort, Dec. 19, 1675, "was wounded that he dyed." (See Wind. Rec., Vol. I.) "He died Nov. 27, 1681." The town of Simsbury made him a grant of land in 1677.

5 THOMAS<sup>3</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN (2), lived with his father in Windsor. Was a soldier in "Philip's War." At the age of 17, at the storming of the Narragansett fort, Dec. 19, 1675, "was wounded that he dyed." "He dyed July 29, buried ye 30, 1681." (W. Rec.)

Quite probably both of these sons were wounded with arrows, and thus lingered for years before death put an end to their sufferings.

6 TIMOTHY<sup>3</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN (2), appears to have held property in Windsor for years. He was but 14 years of age at his father's death. About the time he arrived at his majority, it is seen from (W. Rec.), July 22, 1696, that he deeds his brother John certain lands called "Greenfield." Previously, July 24, 1690, portions of his father's estate had been set out to him. From (W. Rec.) he had 32 acres near Long Meadow, 2½ acres in Long Meadow, 1 acres in the Second Meadow, and "Walter Lee's home lot" of 10 acres as purchased by his father. (From Col. Hist. Conn.) — Oct., 1736 — James Thrall administrator of Aaron Moses late of Windsor — debts more than property — petitions to sell land. (This Aaron Moses was probably a son of Timothy.)

The writer has made careful search for further records concerning Timothy Moses, and with almost no results.



7 JOHN<sup>4</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN (3.) lived in Simsbury, Conn.: m. (1st) June 14, 1705, Sarah Tuller, daughter of John Tuller. She d. (tombstone) June 18, 1712, aged 26; m. (2d) June 4, 1713, Hannah Hoskins of Windsor. She survived her husband. She and Zacheus Gillet were executors of his will, dated June 10, 1759. (Hart. Pro. Rec.) He mentions sons, Timothy, Benoni, John, Zebulon; daughters, Sarah, Zerniah, Hannah. These with other children mentioned in town books at Simsbury make the record:

CHILDREN: Timothy, (Sims. Ch. Rec.) bap. July 14, 1706, d. Sept. 12, 1751; Sarah, (Sims. Ch. Rec.) b. Aug. 30, 1708, and baptized Sept. 5, 1708; Zerniah; Benoni, b. 1711, d. 1787; Infant, b. March 23, 1714, d. 27th; John, "born of Hannah his 2d wife, July 5, 1715, d. 1788;" Deborah, "third daughter of John Moses, b. Nov. 3, 1718;" Hannah; Zebulon, b. May 21, 1721; Antony, b. Dec. 27, 1722.

*Sarah*, m. Mr. Johnson.

*Zerniah*, m. June 5, 1740, Ensign Joseph Cornish.

*Deborah*, m. a Mr. Weed.

*Hannah*, m. William Roberts — (see the will, also p. 119 Brown's Hist. of Simis.) which states of William Roberts: His w. was Hannah — — —, that they had several children — Anna, b. 1748, m. Abel Adams. About commencement of the Revolution, parents removed to Vermont. The Cong. Ch. Manual, W. Rutland, Vt., states he was "one of the founders of the church," that he gave ground for the graveyard, and was the first buried in it. He d. Nov., 1788.

8 WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN (3), lived in Simsbury; m. (1st) about 1710, widow Elizabeth Reade, daughter of John Law of Concord. She d. (Sims. Rec.) May 13, 1738. He m. (2d) Nov. 20, 1738, Hannah Humphrey.

From the settlement of his estate (Hart. Pro. Rec.) it is inferred that he practiced medicine, for we find in the inventory of his effects: "A Doctor's Instrument, Doctor's Book, vials, glass bottles, quart glass, small scales and weights," also a good wardrobe, very necessary to a doctor in the olden time, as: "leather breeches and apron, tobacco box, looking-glass, several pairs of breeches, stockings, coat, great coat, hat, shoes, and cane, silver buckles, guns, etc." He had "2 Bibles, 1 book 'Deceitfulness of Man's Heart,' and a 'Service book';" from which last item he may have been an Episcopalian. He had also "5 acres of land in the meadow, and 49 acres in the West Woods." On March 6, 1753, the Court appointed Jabez Cornish guardian of David Moses, a minor, aged 11 years, son of William Moses, late of Simsbury."



CHILDREN:—perhaps not all—(Sims. Rec.) Biddulph, b. May 6, 1727; Hannah, b. Oct. 12, 1739; David, b. May 29, 1742. There is no further record of these children.

**9** THOMAS<sup>4</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN (3), m. Sarah Alderman, daughter of William Alderman, Jan. 5, 1709.

CHILDREN:—perhaps not all—(Sims. Rec.) “Amey the first daughter of Thomas Moses, bap. Sept. 13, 1713.”

**10** JOSHUA<sup>4</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN (3), m. (1st) Dec. 12, 1717, Hannah Strickland. She d. Jan. 16, 1718–19, leaving twins three days old; m. (2d) June 28, 1722, Mary Brook. He deeds lands in New Hartford in 1744 and 1745. We find in Norfolk Records, deed July 2, 1772, from “Joshua the elder to son Joshua.” Also, he bought lands in Norfolk in 1769. From (Sims. Rec.) he d. Feb. 6, 1773, “of an eating cancer of the mouth, aged about 85.” By his will, dated Sept. 18, 1772, he leaves property £354 to “sons Joshua, Othniel, and John; to daughters Hannah, Mary, and Rachel.”

CHILDREN:—perhaps not all—(Sims. Rec.) Hannah and Mary, twins, b. Jan. 14, 1718–19; Rachel, b. July 16, 1724; Joshua (from his will probably eldest son); Othniel, b. July 1, 1730; John (probably youngest son).

*Rachel*, m. Nathaniel Wilcox, Dec. 23, 1748.

*Hannah*, m. (Sims. Rec.) Benjamin Mills, Dec. 30, 1747.

**11** CALEB<sup>4</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN (3), lived to a great age in Simsbury, and died, according to the family Bible and (Sims. Ch. Rec.), on March 21, 1787. He m. Sept. 15, 1726, Hannah Beaman.—(Sims. Ch. Rec.) “The aged Mrs. Moses, wife of Caleb, buried Dec. 1779.” He was under the guardianship of his uncle during his youth. (Sims. Rec.) “Nov. 2, 1719—Agreement to settle a difference concerning bounds of land between James Hillyer, Jr., and Caleb Moses, Joshua Moses acting as guardian (said Caleb being present and acting for himself) . . . . . they “are now come to this loveing agreement.”

He was a man of note in the community, and among the family papers is a commission under the Crown of England showing him to have been a constable and collector.

The writer has in his possession some twenty original papers handed down through the generations from this Caleb. The oldest of these is a deed dated February 25, 1735–6, from Jacob Tullar, of certain lands in the town of Farmington. Aside from the



interest these papers have for those who, like the writer, have descended through Caleb, their peculiarities illustrative of the age in which they were written, make them worthy of somewhat extended quotations. Instance the following as showing the degree of thankfulness expected from a grown-up son:

"I, Caleb Moses, Jr., do acknowledge that I have received of my honored father, Caleb Moses, a deed of Land which I do acknowledge to be my full share of his estate. Except he give me something by his will, which if he Doth I shall be Thankful for it and look upon it an unmerited Bounty from my honored father, and always Look upon myself a Debtor to him for his kindness. Witness my hand.

Dated April 14, 1760. (Signed) CALEB MOSES, Jr."

Receipts for land deeded to them by their father in 1767, as their full share of his estate, and signed by Caleb's son Abel, and his daughter Lucy Humphrey, are found among the papers.

We now come to the will of Caleb, which is interesting as showing the old English plan of entailing an estate. From the papers in the writer's possession it would seem that Caleb owned the old home farm of his grandfather, with additions on Mount Philip and in the valley, and we know that for many generations the "male heirs" of Caleb owned and lived at the old homestead. The will reads as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen. I, Caleb Moses, of Simsbury, in the County of Hartford, being of Sound mind and memory, and in a State of Health, Thanks be given to God. Therefor and knowing that it is apointed for all men once to Dye Do make and ordain this to be my Last will and Testament principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Sole unto the Hands of God That gave it and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buryed in a decent and Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executors, and as Touching the worldly estate wherewith God hath blessed me with in this Life, I give in manner following:

"Item, I give to my Beloved wife The one third part of my movable estate I shall dye possest on and the use and Improvement of the One Third part of my Lands During her Natural Life.

"I also give to the Heirs of my Son Caleb Moses Deceased and to my son Daniel Moses and to my son Abel Moses the one half of my movable estate to be equally Divided after my Decease, viz: the Heirs of said Caleb one Third part, to my son Daniel one Third part, to my son Abel one third part and my Right at Susquehannah\* my will is shall be

\* A thorough search has been made of Hartford County histories for some explanation of the phrase, "my Right at Susquehannah." The only clue to this clause of the will is found in the *History of Connecticut* by the Tory, Rev. Samuel Peters, from which is quoted:

"Having been in possession of that Country One hundred and forty years, the General Assembly, though unsupported either by law or justice, resolved to take up and settle their lands



equally Divided between the Heirs of my son Caleb Moses and all the my other equil, the Heirs of Caleb aforesaid one Third.

"I give to my son Michael all the Rest of my Estate both Real and personal which I have not Disposed of viz: all my Lands on the East Side of the River in Simsbury or Farmington to be an Estate to him and his Descendants to him & his male Heirs and not to be Disposed of by him or Them Either by Deed or Lease or Release for a Term of years, but only to his next nearest of kin and all the Land which given to my said son Michael and to the Rest of my said Sons whom I have conveyed by this will my will is They nor either of them shall sell Dispose of by Deed Lease or Purchase except to the Next of kin and a Reasonable Time of payment given for the purchasing the same and shall first offer the same to Them. I also give to my Daughter Lucy Humphrey five shillings over & above what I have given her in Lands and movable Estate within six months after my Decease and I do constitute and appoint my Beloved wife Hannah and my son Michael Moses to be executors to this my will, and I do pronounce & Declare this and no other to be my Last will and Testament.

"Signed sealed pronounced and Declared this 8th day of June 1776.

"Noah Humphrey

CALEB MOSES (seal)

"Elisha Cornish

"Hez. Humphrey."

Fac simile of signature of Caleb Moses.

CHILDREN of Caleb Moses (Sims, Rec.): Caleb, b. May 18, 1727, d. Feb. 18, 1773; Daniel, b. June 22, 1729, d. in the army Sept. 8, 1776; Abel, b. June 24, 1733; Ashbel, b. Dec. 6, 1735; Michael, b. Sept. 12, 1737, d. (Bible and tombstone) Mar. 14, 1797; Lucy, b. May 9, 1740.

*Lucy*, m. Nathaniel Humphrey of Simsbury (family papers).

12 CALEB<sup>5</sup> MOSES, 2d, son of CALEB (11), m. Mary Adams, July 6, 1749. He was (Sims, Rec.) "found dead in his bed in morning Feby. 18, 1773." His will mentions sons Abraham, Reuben, Seba, James, and daughters Mercy, Pheebe, and Lydia.

Among family papers is one that reads "At a General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the Colony of Connecticut holden in New Haven on the Second Thursday of October 1773," and recites that the debts and charges "surmounts the movable estate of the deceased Caleb Moses, Jr." and empowers Caleb Moses 1st as executor to sell certain real estate of "said deceased."

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West not Only of Hudson but Susquehanna River and extending to the South Sea. In pursuance of this resolution they with modesty passed over New York and the Jerseys because they are possessed by Mynheers and fighting Christians and seized On Pennsylvania claimed by Quakers who fight not for either wife or daughter."



CHILDREN (Sims. Rec.) Abraham, b. June 22, 1750, d. 1823; Reuben, b. Feb. 18, 1753; Mercy, b. Mar. 18, 1756; Mercy 2d, b. Sept. 16, 1758; Seba, b. April 26, 1760; Phoebe, b. Dec. 6, 1762; James, b. Feb. 8, 1766, buried (Sims. Ch. Rec.) Dec. 3, 1778,—"James, son of widow Moses;" Lydia, b.—

*Phoebe*, m. (Sims. Ch. Rec.) April 10, 1783, Asa Woodford.

*Reuben*, Soldier Col. Belden's 18 Reg.—prisoner retreat from New York, Sept. 15, 1776.

*Seba* (Brown's W. Sims.) m. Ardellie Graham. From Pension Office we learn that in 1777 he was a soldier in Col. Moseley's Reg., and while at Tiverton, R. I., Col. Barton, in a daring exploit, captured the offensive British General Prescott, over whom the next day Moses was placed as guard.

March, 1778, he volunteered under Capt. Burr, and was at Horse Neck, White Plains, and West Point.

June, 1779, he volunteered with Capt. Job Case, and at Horse Neck was in the force attacked by Col. Delancey's horsemen.

From Nov. 1779, was for two months under Capt. David Phelps and Lieut. Aaron Moses.

After the war he lived in New Hartford and Barkhamsted, and removed, about 1806, to New Lebanon, N. Y., where he was living in 1832.

**13 DANIEL<sup>5</sup> MOSES**, (H. W. Sims..) "son of CALEB (11). With his wife Mary Wilcox (b. 1732 and d. 1816), (a dau. of Azariah Wilcox) came from the old Parish to West Simsbury about the year 1756, and settled on the farm now (1856) owned by Bethuel Case adjoining the farm of the late Capt. Robert Wilcox deceased in North Canton." Daniel Moses was a soldier and died in the army at New York, Sept. 8, 1776. (H. W. Sims., and gravestone North Canton.)

In Pro. Rec. of Sims., p. 166, is found the distribution of the estate on Mar. 8, 1779. The inventory shows an aggregate of £471-11s. Lands are set out as follows: To Daniel, eldest son (2 parts) 19 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, to Roger 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres, Zebina 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, Lois 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, Hannah, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, Charlotte 11 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, Sybil, wife to Martin Roberts, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, Mary, wife to Hezekiah Andrews, 10 acres. The above subject to the widow's thirds during her life and her occupancy of one third part of dwelling-house and barn. To Daniel, eldest son,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of house and barn. To Roger, Zebina, Mary, Sybil, Hannah, Lois, and Charlotte, to each  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

From the above, from *Brown's History*, and other sources, the record stands:

CHILDREN: Daniel (the 2d) d. Sept. 9, 1805, aged 46 years; Roger, b. (Bark. Rec.) Feb. 13, 1767, d. 1828; Zebina (the 1st) (monu-



ments at Old Simsbury and at Marcellus, N. Y.), b. April 15, 1764, d. Nov. 23, 1815; *Lois*; *Hannah*; *Charlotte*; *Sybil*; *Mary*.

*Roger* (See No. 126).

*Charlotte*, m. Job Phelps.

*Sybil*, m. Martin Roberts.

*Mary*, m. Hezekiah Andrews (Andrews' Mem. Hist.).

*Lois*, m. (Sims. Ch. Rec.) in 1781, Andrew Roby.

**14 ABEL<sup>5</sup> MOSES**, son of CALEB (11), born (Sims. Rec.) June 24, 1733. In Hartland, Conn., is tombstone of Abel Moses, died June 14, 1785, aged 52. He was of the Episcopal Church, as we find this entry in the St. Andrew's Ch. Rec. "bap. at Hartland, June 3, 1764, male child of Abel Moses named Abner." Also in Vol. 13. Col. Hist. of Conn., petition of Abel Moses and five others that they were professors of the Church of England (Oct. 1771), and that they be exempt from certain taxes. From Marcus Moses and Maritta (Moses) Case, now (1889) living at Barkhamsted, Conn., we learn that their grandfather, Martin Moses, had brothers and sisters, Abel, Ashbel, Abner, and Lydia. The Pro. Rec. of Sims. give us under date of April 25, 1800, the distribution of the property of Lydia Moses, of Hartland, an intestate, to "heirs Abel, Ashbel, Abner, and Martin," presumably her brothers (as her nearest of kin).

CHILDREN (perhaps not all): Lydia Moses, b. about 1756, d. (tombstone Hartland) May 16, 1799, aged 42; Abel, b. 1757, d. (tombstone Hartland) Aug. 24, 1800, aged 43; Ashbel, b. ——; Martin, b. 1761, d. (tombs, Barkhamsted) Sept. 21, 1849, aged 88; Abner, bap. (St. And. Ch. Rec.) June 3, 1764. Mrs. Maritta Moses Case thinks there was an Azariah Moses who went to Ohio.

*Lydia* died unmarried: distribution of her estate April 25, 1800.

*Abel*, Mrs. Case states that he went to Genesee, N. Y.

**15 ASHBEL<sup>5</sup> MOSES**, son of CALEB (11). From the fact that Caleb Moses in his will in 1776 mentions all of his then living children and provides for the heirs of Caleb 2d. then deceased, it seems probable that Ashbel was at that time dead and without heirs.

**16 MICHAEL<sup>5</sup> MOSES**, son of CALEB (11), was a soldier in Col. Phelps' 18th Conn. Reg.; — lived and died on the old home- stead at Mount Philip which his father willed should be entailed and "be an Estate to him and his male heirs and not to be disposed of by him or them." Michael's property at his death



amounted to £1430;—a large sum considering the time and place;—and this he willed, (Sims. Rec.) on Aug. 12, 1796, to his wife Thankful, eldest son Michael, sons Collin, Caleb, Levi, Luther, Martin, and daughters Chloe Humphrey, Anna Case, Amy Wells, Lucy, and Rhoda. He m. July 2, 1764, Thankful Case. The widow m. in 1798 (Sims. Ch. Rec.) Capt. Bennett.

*CHILDREN:* (Bible) Michael, Jr., b. Jany. 30, 1766, d. (tombstone) Jan. 27, 1816; Chloe, b. Nov. 1, 1767; Anne, b. Nov. 1, 1769; Amy, b. May 30, 1776; Colin, b. Nov. 6, 1778; Levi, b. Nov. 13, 1783; Caleb, b. Feb. 9, 1785, d. (tombstone) April 12, 1806; Luther, b. Nov. 20, 1788, d. (tombstone) Jan. 21, 1830; Martin, d. 1833; Lucy, bap. Aug. 27, 1786; Rhoda, ——.

*Amy*, m. Horace Wells.

*Chloe*, m. Lot Humphrey (Sims. Ch. Rec.) Dec. 1, 1784.

*Anne*, m. Nathan Case.

*Lucy*, m. Benj. Case.

*Rhoda*, m. Asa Humphrey—*Children:* Flora; Marietta, m. a Sherwood; Amanda (m. Nathan Grimes).

*Martin*—*Children* (perhaps not all)—John ——; Delia (m. Apr. 13, 1840, Richard C. Humphrey)—; William.

*Caleb*, m. Hepzibah:—On Nov. 18, 1806 (Sims. Ch. Rec.) an allowance in goods amounting to \$867.25 was made for her support as “Relict of Caleb.”

*Levi* went to South Carolina and d. there. *Children:* Orville, d. in Hartford; Asenath, Jeanette, Hoyt.

*Colin*, unm., d. in Weatogue; was a soldier in Isaae Phelps' command, war of 1812.

*Colin*, *Levi*, and *Luther* are mentioned as having land near the “Cove,” the “Meadow,” and on the “Mountain,” in a deed of Feb. 10, 1802, from Caleb to Michael.

6 **17** TIMOTHY<sup>5</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN (7), was a soldier with rank of Lieutenant. He and his immediate descendants are given in Stiles' *History of Windsor*. The baptisms and deaths are also found on the church records of the old Wintonbury Parish, formerly in Windsor, and now in the town of Bloomfield. “At a meeting of the proprietors of Windsor, Oct. 23, 1740. (Windsor Rec.) for the purpose of setting off to several residents of Windsor certain undivided land.” Timothy Moses was one of the grantees. His will, however, is recorded at Simsbury, Sept. 18, 1787. He gives sons Timothy, Aaron, and Elisha, and granddaug. Susannah Trimble, £20 each, and to grandchildren Dorcas, Isaac, and Ambrose, heirs of his daughter Dorcas deceased, £5 each. He m. (1st) Sarah Phelps, she d. Sept. 12, 1751; m. (2d) Sarah, ——



(W. Ch. Rec.) "Sarah ye 2d wife of Lieut. Timothy Moses d. Nov. 19, 1759;" m. (3d) Elizabeth Humphrey "ye 3d wife of Lt. Timothy Moses, d. Oct. 6, 1763;" m. (4th) Anne \_\_\_\_\_ "ye 4th wife from ye first church of Christ in New Milford in 1764." His 3d w. Elizabeth, Sept. 13, 1761, wills property to her husband, Timothy Moses, sister Lydia Wilcox, and brother Ezekiel Humphrey.

CHILDREN: (Sims. Rec.) Timothy, b. Feb. 5, 1732, d. 1793; Aaron, b. Oct. 6, 1733, d. 1809; Elisha, b. Feb. 25, 1735-6, d. 1808; Sarah, b. Feb. 23, 1738-9; Zerviah, b. Nov. 2, 1740, d. 1763; Martin, b. July 13, 1743, "killed by felling of a tree, Jan. 27, 1766;" Keziah, b. May 31, 1746; Doreas, b. Oct. 31, 1748; Lydia, b. Aug. 5, 1751.

"These children were born to Timothy Moses by his first wife, Sarah, whose maiden name was Sarah Phelps."

*Sarah*, (H. W. Sims.) m. Isaac Graham.

*Zerviah*, (H. W. Sims.) m. Daniel Graham (tombstone N. Canton).

*Keziah*, (Sims. Rec.) m. Joseph Adams, Apr. 24, 1766.

**18 BENONI<sup>5</sup> MOSES**, son of JOHN (7), was a soldier. His name is found in Lexington Alarm list. The H. W. Sims. states that he settled in the North District about 1744;—was a carpenter and a man of note. From Farmington records, he appears to have bought lands in that town previously to 1740. And also in same records is mentioned May 30, 1755, in deed to J. Hart, as of "Norfolk." From Sims. Rec. we have an inventory of his estate, taken April 9, 1787, by Capt. Aaron Moses, Elisha Graham, and Elisha Moses. An allowance is made to Asa Moses as one of the administrators. In St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Record, is the entry "Benoni Moses conformed Oct. 1, 1764." His burial is also recorded in same church record, from which we conclude he belonged to the Church of England. The town records of Farmington show that he m. (1st) Jan. 3, 1736, Phoebe Woodruff. He m. (2d) Susannah Humphrey, dau. of John Humphrey, on June 5, 1749, the same day his sister Zerviah m. Ensign Joseph Cornish. She (Susannah) d. June 12, 1774, and he m. (3d) Phoebe Brewer Oct. 27, 1775. She d. 1786.

CHILDREN: Phoebe, b. at Farmington July 9, 1737; Ezekiel, b. Jan. 7, 1741, d. Oct. 17, 1761, in the army, at Crown Point; El Nathaniel, b. Feb. 28, 1743, d. about 1827; Susannah, b. July 13, 1746; Lois, b. Dec. 5, 1749; Shubael, b. May 11, 1753, d. Mar. 9, 1823, at Ticonderoga; Sarah, b. Dec. 4, 1756; Ezekiel 2d, b. Feb. 5, 1762, d. Nov. 15, 1834; Elizabeth, b. Dec. 24, 1765.



*Lois*, m. Darius Hill, Mar. 31, 1768. From (H. W. Sims.) "The mother (Widow Lois Hill) and her three daughters left the town near the beginning of the present century."

**19 JOHN<sup>5</sup> MOSES**, son of JOHN (7). Brown's H. W. Sims, states that "He was among the earliest settlers of West Simsbury, probably as early as 1745. He with his wife Rhoda settled on the place now (1856) owned by Seymour D. Moses . . . . near the North burying ground, which was on his premises. . . . . He erected a grist-mill on his last farm which bore his name. He left the town in the latter part of the last century." The Cong. Ch. Man. of W. Rutland, Vt., gives his name among fourteen who founded the church in 1773. In the list of members are (1785) Jonah, and Asa Moses, and (1788) Eunice, and Doreas Moses. These may, or may not, have been his children. They are not otherwise accounted for. Asa was administrator of estate of Benoni Moses, and was a soldier, Col. Hooker's Reg., in 1777. (Rutland town Rec.) John Moses deeded Mar. 9, 1785, "south half of my home lot to my beloved son John Moses Jr." From *Brown's History*, John Moses m. Rhoda ——. She d. 1768, æ. 43.

**CHILDREN:** perhaps not all, as evidently Brown gives tombstone inscriptions only, and there are wide intervals. Eunice, b. 1752, d. 1754; Rhoda, b. 1756, d. 1761; Infant, b. 1768, d. 1768. From Rutland Rec., John Jr. lived in Rutland 1785.

**20 ZEBULON<sup>5</sup> MOSES**, son of JOHN (7). He appears to have lived at Turkey Hills, which is now in the town of East Granby. In Rutland deeds we find the name of "Zebulon Moses Jr." He was an Episcopalian, and nearly all we know of his family is gathered from the St. A. Ch. Rec., and is as follows:

**CHILDREN** of Zebulon Moses, all bap. at Turkey Hills. Reuben, bap. May 27, 1764; "Burial Turkey Hills Oct. 1768, a daughter to Zebulon Moses;" Charles, bap. April 12, 1767; Abiah, bap. July 16, 1775; Sybil, bap. July 16, 1775; (from Rutland Rec.) Zebulon Jr.

**21 OTHNIEL<sup>5</sup> MOSES**, son of JOSUA (10). His father Joshua deeded him land in 1754. He was an Episcopalian.

From manuscripts in the State Library at Hartford we copy the following:

"Bond of Sept. 3, 1762. . . . That we whose names are underwritten will pay or cause to be paid to Roger Viets of Simsbury . . . an annuity or yearly sum of 30£— . . . the condition is; that if the above named Roger Viets A. B. being a candidate for holy orders, shall as soon as conveniently may be transfer, or cause himself to be transferred, to



Great Britain and there receive holy orders according to the usage and ceremony of the Church of England, and as soon as conveniently may be after . . . shall return to Symsbury aforesaid and there officiate in the office of minister according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, there so long and until orderly or providentially dismissed or removed from said charge. . . . (39 signatures—among them)

OETHNIEL MOSES,  
ZEBULON MOSES."

Rev. Roger Viets succeeded Rev. William Gibbs as Rector of St. Andrew's Parish. From Hart. Co. Mem. Hist. we learn that, for "secreting" British officers and "holding traitorous correspondence with the enemy," Viets was "severely punished." He removed to Nova Scotia. Othniel did not follow his rector politically. He was a soldier of Col. Wooleot's Reg. of 1776—(Adj.-General's Record of Conn.) From the St. Andrews Church Record we gather that he resided at different periods in different villages or parishes. That Record gives the following:

CHILDREN: At St. Andrew's Parish, Doreas, bap. July 15, 1764. At Scotland (a parish now in Bloomfield), Linda, daughter of Othniel, bap. April 26, 1767, also on same date bap. "Rhoda, daughter of Othniel." At Suffrage (a parish now in Canton), Roxalana, daughter of Othniel, bap. April 30, 1769, and Isaac, bap. Sept. 29, 1771.

(Farm. Rec.) mentions Othniel as of Farmington in deed of 1773. In the Bristol, Conn., Records we find his name in deeds of 1785 and 1786, also in 1797 Othniel and Reuben Moses deed to Elijah Gridley. In 1798 Othniel, Othniel, Jr., and Reuben join in a deed, and in 1800 it appears that lands of Elihu Moses adjoin those of Othniel; also that the freeman's oath was taken at Bristol in 1880 by Othniel Jr. and Elihu; in 1803 by Chauncey; and in 1806 by Joshua.

From the foregoing and from statements of descendants we can add with reasonable certainty as:

OTHER CHILDREN of Othniel, the names of Othniel, Jr., b. Feb. 13, 1755, d. Oct. 8, 1841; Elihu, Chauncey, Joshua, and Reuben (see 131).

**22 JOHN<sup>5</sup> MOSES**, son of JOSUA (10), m. (Sims. Rec.) Abigail Scott of Waterbury, Sept. 20, 1763. He was doubtless an Episcopalian, as witness the baptisms of most of his children (St. And. Ch. Rec.). Their birth dates are also given in Sims. Town Rec.

CHILDREN: Eunice, b. Dec. 7, 1764, bap. St. A., Feb. 17, 1765; Abigail, b. Aug. 23, 1766; John, b. Feb. 12, 1769, "bap. at Scotland, Easter, 1769;" Achsa, b. Sept. 13, 1770, bap. at Scotland,



July 14, 1771; Joshua, b. Dec. 14, 1772; Rue, b. Sept. 15, 1775, "bap. privately at Scotland, Nov. 5, 1775; Arouah, dau. of John Moses of Sims.;" William, b. May 15, 1778; Joseph, b. June 29, 1780; Sarah, b. May 15, 1784; Jobab, b. Sept. 24, 1784; Abraham, b. June 1, 1786.

*Ennie*, from St. A. Ch. Rec. "Married at Scotland, Sept. 22, 1785, to Andrew Streever, both of Simsbury."

**23** **TIMOTHY<sup>6</sup>** MOSES, son of **TIMOTHY** (17), lived in West Simsbury and Canaan, Conn., was a soldier, is spoken of in Colonial History as Ensign, in 1765, of trainband of Canaan, and Capt. 14th Reg., 1775, and is mentioned in Probate Records of Simsbury by title of Captain. Phineas Holcomb deeds lands in Canaan to Timothy, Jan. 20, 1749. The inventory of his estate taken June 5, 1793, shows his property to have amounted to £919, including 200 acres of land. He m. (1st) (H. W. Sims.) *Thankful* —; she died in 1790, ae. 59; m. (2d) (Sims. Ch. Rec.) May, 1791, Bathsheba Canaday.

**CHILDREN** (perhaps not all): (Canaan Rec.) Timothy, b. May 13, 1755; Sarah, b. July 27, 1759; *Thankful*, b. May 9, 1760; Mary, b. Apr. 19, 1761; *Levirah*, b. Apr. 24, 1763; *Keziah*, b. Feb. 7, 1768.

*Levirah*, m. Rufus Bodwell, May 24, 1781.

**24** **AARON<sup>6</sup>** MOSES, son of **TIMOTHY** (17), H. W. Sims. "came from Wintonbury to West Simsbury about 1757;" was a soldier — "Sergeant" — on the Lexington alarm list; also in Capt. Brown's Co., 1776; and was a Lieut. in 1779 under Capt. David Phelps; was also known. (H. W. Sims.) as "Deacon." By his will (Sims. Rec.) dated July 11, 1797, he leaves property to wife Rachel, sons Darius, and Seymour Aaron, and daughter Susannah Butolph. He m. (1st) Susannah Seymour; she d. 1783; m. (2d) Rachel Gilbert; she d. 1821.

**CHILDREN**: Darius, b. Nov. 11, 1758, d. (tomb N. Canton) Oct. 25, 1824; Aseuath, b. Nov. 2, 1760; Aaron Seymour, b. July 29, 1762, d. 1772; Susannah, b. Sept. 13, 1764; Martin Levi, b. Dec. 20, 1766, drowned 1784; Seymour Aaron, b. Oct. 25, 1772; d. 1846.

*Aseuath*, m. Mr. Adams.

*Susannah*, m. Joseph Butolph.

**25** **ELISHA<sup>6</sup>** MOSES, son of **TIMOTHY** (17), m. *Merey Barber*, dau. of Thos. Barber, June 21, 1759; she d. 1815.

**CHILDREN**: (Sims. Rec.) *Merey*, b. May 22, 1760; Elisha, b. Nov. 8, 1761, d. Sept. 1847, at Mt. Morris, N. Y.; *Infant*, b. 1764, d. 1764; *Frederick*, b. May 31, 1770, d. 1824.

*Merey*, m. Elihu Beach.



**26** MARTIN<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of TIMOTHY (17). (H. of Wind.) m. Lydia ——, who had Martin born after his father's death, (Wby. Ch. Rec.) bap. April 30, 1766.

**27** EZEKIEL<sup>6</sup> MOSES 1st, son of BENONI (18). (Sims. Rec.) was a soldier; died in the army, Oct. 17, 1761, at Crown Point.

**28** ELANTHAN<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of BENONI (18), with his brothers Ezekiel (2d) and Shubael, removed from the West Parish of Simsbury, Conn., to West Rutland, Vt.; m. Elizabeth ——, a French lady, who lived to the age of 96.

*Children:* Levi; William; Betsy, b. Oct. 23, 1773, d. July 4, 1814; Rufus, b. 1775, d. April 23, 1853; Seth, b. 1778, d. 1891; Stephen ——; Jeptha, b. 1784, d. May 17, 1834; Sybil, b. 1787, d. Jan. 18, 1808; Sylvia, b. 1787; Laura, b. ——.

*Levi*—lived near his father "when Hiram attended school." *Children:* Alvah, "who lost an eye by an arrow;" Lydia; Betsey; Mary; Alice (m. Alonzo Gorham).

*Betsy*, m. Abel Phelps. *Children:* Moses, b. Aug. 25, 1803, d. Aug. 30, 1871, at Mapleton, Minn.; Elizabeth; Betsy, m. William Howlett, of Cattaraugus Co., New York.

*Stephen* died from bite of mad dog. His daughter Olive m. Mr. Daniels and went West.

*Jeptha*, m. Betsy Gorham, who afterward m. Rev. David Hascall, and d. 1866, ae. 81. Jeptha owned 600 acres in West Rutland. Had no children.

*William*—lived in Ohio and had two sons.

*Sybil* and *Sylvia* were twins. Sybil m. Barlow Gorham (living in 1881). *Children:* Sybil, Franklin, Hiram, and Dennis.

*Laura*, m. Fred Burgess, went West and joined the Mormons; was drowned on the way to Nauvoo, Ill.

**29** SHUBAEL<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of BENONI (18), was a soldier, enlisted May 6, 1775, in Conn. 2d, and was in 18th Conn. Reg., at New York in 1776; removed in 1777 from Simsbury in Conn. to West Rutland, Vt., where he was a church member in 1785. He afterward settled in Ticonderoga, N. Y., on the east side of the Outlet (Lewis place in 1881), and was one of the chief men of the Cong. Church.

**30** EZEKIEL<sup>6</sup> MOSES 2d, son of BENONI (18), was a soldier; is mentioned in Levies of 5th Conn. Reg. in 1780. From Pension-Office papers: He served under Capt. Phelps; was in fort at Stonington; was with Capt. Burr at burning of Fairfield and Norfolk, in April, 1778; volunteered under Capt. Bradley; was



at West Point and New Jersey under Col. Wells; detached by Baron De Kalb to serve in Chapman's Light Inf. After the war he removed to West Rutland, Vt.; was a church member in 1803. About 1816 he went to Ohio (probably Granville); he resided in Champaign Co. in 1829. His widow lived in Urbana in 1839. From Bible leaf in pension papers, he m. Mar. 17, 1790, Eunice ——. She d. June 4, 1834.

CHILDREN: Loice, b. Feb. 9, 1791; Anna, b. July 22, 1792; Phebe, b. Mar. 3, 1795; Loice Lorendy, b. Mar. 11, 1797; William B., b. July 26, 1799; Aaron, b. May 26, 1801; Eliza, b. June 9, 1803; Eunice, b. Dec. 6, 1806; Eliza, b. Sept. 19, 1809; Truman, b. June 5, 1810; Louis Curtis, b. Sept. 23, 1812; Eunice, b. June 23, 1814.

Above names attested by Truman Moses, who resided in Champaign Co. in 1839.

**31 JOHN<sup>6</sup> MOSES**, son of **JOHN** (22), lived in Simsbury; was probably an Episcopalian; m. Anna ——.

CHILDREN: (Sims, Rec.) Anna Maria, b. April 5, 1797; Martin, b. Feb. 26, 1799, bap. privately (St. And. Ch. Rec.) July 12, 1800; John, b. Mar. 19, 1802.

**32 ABRAHAM<sup>6</sup> MOSES**, son of **CALEB** 2d, (12). Brown, in his H. W. Sims., mentions that he resided on the East Hill; that he made a profession of religion in 1821; and that he died in 1823, having been found dead in his barn in a praying posture. He m. Mercy Case. She d. 1818. He was a soldier in Col. Belden's 18th Reg. at New York, in 1776.

CHILDREN: Loditha, Abraham, Jr., b. 1773, d. (tombstone) Dec. 9, 1802; Mercy, Dorcas, James; Thaddeus, b. 1784, d. 1828.

*Loditha*, m. Job Barber.

*Abraham, Jr.*, m. Charlotte Alford. By his will, April 20, 1802 (Sims, Rec.), he left property to his wife Charlotte, brothers James and Thaddeus, and sisters Dytha Barber, Mercy Rowland, and Dorcas Moses.

*Mercy*, m. William Rowland.

*Dorcas*, m. Job Talbot, of Avon, Conn.

*James*, m. Clarissa Wilcox, removed to the State of New York, and had a large family.

**33 THADDEUS<sup>7</sup> MOSES**, son of **ABRAHAM** (32), m. Merab Brockway.

CHILDREN: Candace, Terressa, Hosea; Lyman, b. in Canton, Conn., Sept. 12, 1816; Matilda, Abraham.

*Candace*, m. Reuben Loveland. She died in Milesburgh, Pa.

*Terressa*, m. Lucien Woodford. She d. in Collinsville, Conn.



*Hosea*, supposed to have died in Georgia.

*Lyman T.*, b. in Canton, Conn., Sept. 12, 1816, removed to Ravenna, Ohio, in 1857; has daughter Laura S.

*Matilda*, m. Thomas H. Eddy; lives in Lamar, Pa.

*Abraham*, lives in Colebrook, Conn.

**34** ABEL<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of ABEL (14), lived in Hartland, Conn.; was a soldier and a prisoner on the retreat from New York, Sept. 15, 1776. His tombstone reads, "Lieut. Abel Moses, died Aug. 24, 1809." Under date of March 7, 1803, we find in *Probate Records* of Simsbury, that Daniel Beaman of Hartland was appointed guardian for minors in Hartland. (The grandmother of Abel, 2d, was a Beaman.) The minor *children* mentioned (presumably of Abel, 2d,) were William Moses, 9 years; Ambrose Moses, 5 years; George Moses, 12 years; Abel Moses, 7 years.

**35** ASHBEL<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of ABEL (14), of Hartland, Conn. He was a soldier of Col. Belden's Reg., and was engaged Mar. 26, 1777; was a pensioner at age of 79, in 1840, and his wife Esther was a pensioner same year, age 76. Married Esther ——; she d. (tomb New Hartford) Oct. 27, 1841, aged 78. From information derived from Marcus Moses and Mrs. Case, he had

CHILDREN: Ashbel, Jr., Barnabas, Nathan, Esther (Parry), Betsey, Clara, Julia, Savilla.

*Ashbel, Jr.*, had a son Richard.

*Barnabas*, m. an Humphrey in Simsbury; he died in Providence, R. I. Was in Hezekiah Webster's command, war of 1812; had a son (Bark. Rec.) named Senator.

**36** MARTIN<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of ABEL (14), died at Barkhamsted, Conn., Sept. 21, 1849, aged 88 years and 5 months; m. Lydia ——; was a soldier, enlisted in 1777, and a pensioner of 1840.

CHILDREN: Martin, Jr., b. 1787, d. May 8, 1860; Elias, b. 1789, d. 1841; Asa, b. April 25, 1791, d. 1853; Erastus, b. August 11, 1793, d. aged 26; Anna, b. 1795, d. 1859; Miriam, b. June 3, 1798, d. Nov. 2, 1864; Lydia, b. Oct. 3, 1800, d. Aug. 5, 1854; Mercy, b. Sept. 27, 1802, d. ——; Rufus J., b. Sept. 20, 1807, d. Oct. 8, 1837; Marcus, b. April 25, 1805; Maritta, b. Dec. 26, 1809.

*Martin, Jr.*, was in Phelps' Co., w.t of 1812; m. Hannah Rose, Granville, Mass. *Children* (according to Marcus) were Lucy, William; Oscar, who went to the w.r and d. after his return; Levi, Harriet, Orpha, and Mary, all born in Canton. Oscar, m. Jan. 2, 1858, Amelia Moses of Torrington; William's children were Frederick, Delia, Jennie.



*Elias*, m. Candace Humphrey of Canton; had child Elizabeth.

*Asa*, m. Almira Barber of Canton (see also H. W. Sims.); about 1840 went to Rootstown, O.; had children, Lorenzo, Loren, Edwin, Harvey, Henry, Hiram, Jane.

*Anna*, m. Ira Shepard of Farmington.

*Miriam*, m. Zera Hinman of Canton.

*Lydia*, m. Eli Case of Canton.

*Mercy*, m. Warner W. Hinman of Canton.

*Rufus J.*, m. Eliza Ann Hinman of Canton. He lived at Collinsville, and had dau. Ellen, who d. Mar. 13, 1839.

*Marietta*, m. May 14, 1853, Wayne Case, and lives at Barkhamsted, Conn. He d. Oct. 1869, æ. 53.

**37** MARCUS<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of MARTIN, JR. (36), living (1889) at Barkhamsted, Conn., m. Fanny Case, Oct. 14, 1811.

CHILDREN: George, b. Jan. 31, 1837, d. April 28, 1853; Lucelia, b. Jan. 12, 1839, m. Albert Perry, has *children*: Wilbur Perry, b. Nov. 8, 1867; Anna L., b. Jan. 15, 1876.

**38** ERASTUS<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of MARTIN, JR. (36), was a cooper and d. at St. Jago de Cuba, in one of the West India Islands, aged 26. He m. Almira Grimes, and left *children*: Julia Ann, b. June 2, 1816; she m. Eli Case; Minerva, b. July 22, 1818; she m. John Murphy.

Hartford County carried on extensive dealings with the West Indies, "1750 to 1830," and, (Hart. Co. Mem. Hist.) "often youthful scions of old Hartford families . . . succumbed to the yellow fever in Jamaica, Demerara, and other places in those southern seas."

**39** DANIEL<sup>6</sup> MOSES, 2d, son of DANIEL (13), was a soldier with title of Lieutenant (see p. 130, Brown's W. Sims.); m. (H. W. Sims.) Anna Edgerton. His tombstone is in North Canton. From Sims. Prob. Rec., April 5, 1811, it appears that his estate was distributed to his widow Anna, and to children Daniel, Festus, Norman, Anna, and Auria Goddard.

CHILDREN: Daniel, 3d, b. April 17, 1791, d. Dec. 7, 1836; Festus; Auria; Norman, b. 1797, d. Feb. 10, 1861; Anna, d. Mar. 21, 1876, aged 83 (tombstone North Canton).

*Auria*, m. Grove Goddard. *Children*: Milton, Clymena, Sophrona, Jerome.

*Anna*, m. Jerome Case. *Children*: Corydon, Lucy, Ann Maria, Austria.



**40** DANIEL<sup>7</sup> MOSES, 3d, son of DANIEL (39) (tombstone Old Simsbury).

CHILDREN: Daniel, 4th, b. June 25, 1811, d. Nov. 23, 1877; Miles, b. June 12, 1813, d. Aug. 19, 1864; Lydia, b. June 28, 1815, d. May 16, 1878; Marcus, b. Nov. 23, 1818; Uriah, b. Dec. 5, 1821, d. —; Betsey, b. July 23, 1826; Celia A., b. May 1, 1832.

*Lydia*, m. David R. Shepard. *Children*: Miles D., Josephine S., Alfred M., Albert R., Amelia.

*Celia A.*, m. Ebenezer A. Stoddard. *Children*: Lola H., b. 1862; Geo. A., b. 1866; Fred W., b. 1868; Lizzie C., b. 1869; Frank C., b. 1871.

**41** DANIEL<sup>8</sup> MOSES, 4th, son of DANIEL (40), m. Elizabeth Hodge.

CHILDREN: Lucy, Randolph, Noel H.

**42** MARCUS<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of DANIEL (40), m. Jane Curtis.

CHILDREN: Uriah, Cora J., Burt R.

**43** BETSEY<sup>8</sup> MOSES, daughter of DANIEL (40), m. N. W. Holcombe, M.D., of West Simsbury, Conn. He is a practicing physician, and is surgeon of the celebrated Putnam Phalanx. He has been elected by his fellow-citizens to the State Senate and to many other offices of trust and honor. They have no children.

**44** FESTUS<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of DANIEL (39), m. Amanda Miller.

CHILDREN: Lucius F., Solomon, Auria, Elbert S., Ellen R., Edwin B., Emily R.

**45** NORMAN<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of DANIEL (39), m. Ruby Hoskins. His tombstone is in North Canton.

CHILDREN: Monroe M., Jeanette.

**46** ZEBINA<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of DANIEL (13), lived in Simsbury, Conn.; m. (H. W. Sims.) Jan. 8, 1786, Theodosia, daughter of Eliphalet Curtis, who represented Simsbury in the General Assembly of 1780. She died at Marcellus, N. Y., Aug. 29, 1850. She was a woman of wonderful energy and ability. Brown, in his History, states that "the families that bore the name of Curtis were among the most prominent in West Simsbury the latter part of the last century." In Sims. Prob. Rec. we find that Zebina Moses, on April 18, 1817, willed property to sons Zebina, Linus, Curtis, Chester, Horace, Myron, and to daughters Theodosia (St. John), Charlotte, Pluma, and Elvira.

CHILDREN: Zebina, 2d, b. Oct. 31, 1786, d. Dec. 30, 1843; Linus, b. Feb. 13, 1789, d. Mar. 24, 1834; Pliny, b. April 23, 1791, d.



Feb. 19, 1792; Curtis, b. Dec. 27, 1792, d. April 21, 1862; Theodosia, b. July 14, 1795, d. Sept. 27, 1863; Charlotte, b. July 19, 1797, d. July 8, 1844; Chester, b. Sept. 16, 1800, d. May 13, 1870; Horace, b. July 3, 1803, d. Jan. 3, 1840; Myron, b. May 11, 1805, d. ——; Pluma, b. Nov. 8, 1807, d. June 7, 1851; Elvira, b. Oct. 18, 1810, d. Nov. 27, 1883.

*Theodosia*, m. June 15, 1814, Elijah St. John of Simsbury. *Children*: Caroline (Ely), b. June 21, 1814, d. Feb. 25, 1859; Curtis, b. Mar. 1, 1820, d. Aug. 10, 1822; Moses E., b. May 7, 1823, d. Nov. 8, 1869; Nehemiah C., b. Feb. 9, 1830, d. Feb. 16, 1831.

*Horace*, m. Nov. 5, 1826, Juliette White, of Marcellus, N. Y. She d. Aug. 21, 1852. They had one son, Horace Myron Moses, b. in 1831, d. Mar. 2, 1859; monument in Marcellus, N. Y.

*Elvira*, m. (1st) Jan. 1, 1833, Ichabod Lawrence, of Marcellus, N. Y. He d. May 12, 1859. She m. (2d) Nathan H. Raymond, of Cambridge City, Ind. *Children*: Joab Lawrence, b. 1835, d. Jan. 25, 1889. He made a great fortune in Utah. Theodosia, b. May 13, 1837, m. John Lackey, d. at Cambridge City, Ind., Mar. 21, 1859.

*Myron*, m. Ann Jacobs of Canada, and resided at or near Newcastle, Canada. *Children*: Ann Eliza, Horace, George, Juliette, perhaps others. Little is known of the family. Horace Moses, when last heard from, lived near Pleasant Hill, Mo.

**47 ZEBINA<sup>7</sup> MOSES.** 2d, son of ZEBINA (46), removed from Simsbury, Conn., to Marcellus, N. Y., about 1816. He had been a blacksmith, and in company with his uncle Israel Curtis started a shop a few rods west of the mill in the village of Marcellus. Their principal work was the forging of plow irons. About 1824 he bought out the Holcombe farm. In 1837 he owned about 450 acres of farming lands. His house was the home for brothers, sisters, and several relatives, as they came from Connecticut, and until they had time to locate in homes of their own. His widowed mother lived with him for several years. He was six feet in height, weighed 210 lbs., was noted for his strength, was blue-eyed and of florid complexion. He was a generous liver, had arrangements for table supplies of shell-fish from old Connecticut, and was widely known for his readiness to purchase choice game, fish, or early vegetables. His farming operations required the employment of many men. Cider was the common drink of the time, and of that beverage fifty barrels were sometimes consumed in a single year at his long and hospitable table. On Sundays he dressed in the fashion of his day, in blue coat with brass buttons, and drove with his family in a handsome carriage to the Episcopal Church, of which he was a church warden. He was also a Free-mason. Space has been given to this personal description because



the subject of the sketch was of the old school, and undoubtedly a type of some of his ancestors. They, according to tradition and family papers, belonged to that class of New Englanders who, if blessed with prosperity, were not averse to the enjoyment of the good things of this life. He m. Nov. 1808, Jane Grimes. She was b. Mar. 22, 1791, and d. Nov. 13, 1865; she was the daughter of Capt. Moses Grimes, of Simsbury; her mother was a Judson and her grandmother a Clark.

CHILDREN: Cynthia, b. Mar. 11, 1810, d. Apr. 22, 1811 (tombstone Simsbury); Gad, b. in Simsbury May 3, 1812, d. Mar. 9, 1890; Guy, b. in Simsbury Nov. 18, 1813; Job, b. in Simsbury Aug. 30, 1815, d. July 26, 1887 (tombstone Marcellus); Dan, b. in Marcellus Mar. 17, 1819, d. Aug. 27, 1889, buried at Marcellus; Amoret, b. Sept. 22, 1825; Rebecca Jane, b. July 23, 1828; Pluma Elvira, b. Dec. 2, 1830.

**48** GAD<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of ZEBINA (47), lived in Greenwood, Ill.; m. (1st) Nov. 26, 1836, Delana Hovey; she d. May 5, 1843; m. (2d) May 14, 1844, Catherine Fury.

CHILDREN: Mary A., b. in Marcellus Sept. 26, 1837; Grove, d. in infancy; Delanie, b. in Greenwood, Ill., May 15, 1845; Grove 2d, b. June 21, 1847, d. Oct. 24, 1869; William H., b. Jan. 1, 1851; Frances, b. Dec. 25, 1853, d. Mar. 5, 1855; Jennie Belle, b. May 25, 1857, d. 1890.

*Jennie Belle*, m. June 12, 1883, Harry H. Chittenden.

**49** MARY A.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, dau. of GAD (48), m. Aug. 29, 1854, at Marengo, Ill., Willard D. Paine.

CHILDREN: Ida May b. Nov. 3, 1855, d. May 26, 1859; Charles W., b. May 6, 1860; Nellie, b. Mar. 3, 1868, d. June 9, 1868.

*Charles W.*, m. Jennie E. Taylor. *Children:* Albert C., Delmer, Carribel, Mary Ethel.

**50** DELANIE<sup>9</sup> MOSES, dau. of GAD (48), m. Feb. 26, 1863, Charles H. Rathbun, of Buffalo, N. Y., where she now resides. He d. July 28, 1879.

**51** WILLIAM H.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of GAD (48), m. July 5, 1887, Maude Mason.

**52** GUY<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of ZEBINA, 2d (47), removed in 1868 from Marcellus, N. Y., to Washington, D. C.; m. March 30, 1837, Lucina C. Bingham. She was b. Sept. 29, 1815, and was a daughter of Calvin and Betsey Scott Bingham. The Binghams and Scotts were old and notable families of Bennington, Vt.



CHILDREN: all born in Marcellus, N. Y.: Zebina, 3d, b. April 8, 1838; Margaret Isadore, b. July 3, 1839, d. Oct. 28, 1842; Robert Henry, b. Jan. 13, 1844; Louis Bingham, b. Jan. 16, 1846, d. at Washington, April 12, 1867; John Bingham, b. May 2, 1856.

**53** ZEBINA<sup>9</sup> MOSES (third of the name, and compiler of this book) is the son of GUY (52). At the age of sixteen he removed from Marcellus to Michigan. Since 1861 he has been a Government officer at Washington; in the Interior Department; Cashier of the House of Representatives; Secretary to the Vice-President during most of General Grant's second term; Enrolling Clerk of the Senate; and Asst. Supt. of Railway Mail Service.

**54** ROBERT H.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of GUY (52). Soldier 122d N. Y. Vols. Aug. 28, 1862, to June 23, 1865. 1st Lieut. July 9, 1864; Adj't. Nov. 23, 1864; Brevet Captain April 15, 1865, to rank from Oct. 19, 1864, "for meritorious conduct at the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek, Va." At the close of the war he engaged in business at Syracuse, N. Y., and is now a manufacturer and merchant in New York, to which city he removed in 1867.

**55** JOHN B.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of GUY (52), resides at Washington, D. C.; m. Dec. 18, 1885, Muriel Elizabeth Thornton.

**56** JOB<sup>2</sup> MOSES, son of ZEBINA (47), m. (1st) Oct. 13, 1841, Frances Ann Greenman; she d. Dec. 12, 1864; and m. (2d) April 24, 1867, Lena Drake.

CHILDREN: Oscar Greenman, b. May 5, 1843; Francis Samuel, b. July 4, 1861; Sanford Byron, b. Mar. 13, 1863.

*Sanford B.*, m. Aug. 4, 1885, Annie L. Bakes.

**57** OSCAR G.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of Job (56), resides in New York city; m. Jan. 10, 1864, Mary Sallie Lea.

CHILDREN: Oscar<sup>10</sup> Lea, b. Dec. 16, 1864; Frances Laura, b. Mar. 20, 1866, d. Sept. 3, 1866.

**58** FRANCIS S.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of Job (56), m. Aug. 15, 1883, Belle Saunders.

CHILDREN: Lena, b. Nov. 4, 1886.

**59** DAN<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of ZEBINA (47), m. July 6, 1846, Venette R. Sperry.

CHILDREN: Willis S., b. 1849; Alice M., b. about 1852.

**60** AMORET<sup>2</sup> MOSES, daug. of ZEBINA (47), m. Sept. 22, 1847, John S. Wright. She resides at Palmyra, N. Y.



CHILDREN : Frank Moses, b. June 7, 1850, d. May 11, 1887 ; Mary, b. Nov. 9, 1852 ; John Herbert, b. Mar. 23, 1855 ; Arthur Zebina, b. April 12, 1860.

*Frank M.*, m. Mary M. Conway. *Children* : Mary Amoret, b. 1880, d. 1880; John Herbert, b. 1884, d. 1885; Infant.

*Mary*, m. Geo. P. Stubbleben, Nov. 18, 1874.

*J. Herbert*, m. Matty W. Hersee, Oct. 6, 1881.

*Arthur Zebina*, m. Stella E. Moore, Nov. 2, 1887.

**61** JANE R.<sup>8</sup> MOSES, dau. of ZEBINA (47), m. Mar. 21, 1855, William A. Chapman. She resides in Palmyra, N. Y.

CHILDREN : Ann Holiday, b. Dec. 22, 1855 ; Mary Jane, b. Dec. 6, 1857 ; Albert William, b. July 23, 1861 ; Ella Clara, b. Dec. 25, 1864, d. Dec. 23, 1866 ; Frances Susan, b. Feb. 28, 1868.

**62** PLUMA ELVIRA<sup>8</sup> MOSES, m. George W. Newell, July 6, 1853. She resides at Corfu, N. Y.

CHILDREN : George Moses, b. April 3, 1854, d. Feb. 20, 1881 ; Jenny, b. July 9, 1857 ; Louis Seymour, b. July 13, 1867.

**63** LINUS<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of ZEBINA (46), m. Emily Grimes (tombstone Old Simsbury).

CHILDREN : Pliny, b. Aug. 3, 1810 ; d. Jan. 28, 1888 ; Emmeline, b. Dec. 1, 1812, d. Oct. 1, 1834 (tombstone Simsbury) ; Albert, b. Nov. 19, 1814, d. April 24, 1886 ; Jane, b. Mar. 17, 1817, d. Aug. 28, 1883 ; Flora, b. June 24, 1819 ; Paulina, b. April 5, 1824 ; John, b. July 22, 1826.

*Jane*, m. April 11, 1839, Charles Weller. *Children* : Sarah Jane, (Allen), b. Jan. 8, 1842 ; Flora Ann (Copley), b. Nov. 15, 1843 ; Alpheus, b. Nov. 7, 1845, d. Aug. 13, 1847 ; Frank, b. Jan. 29, 1851 ; Jessie F., b. Jan. 1, 1857, d. Jan. 28, 1863.

*Paulina*, m. (1st) Nov. 25, 1843, Rollin P. Case ; m. (2d) Feb. 6, 1849, Elijah Case. *Children* : Henry E., b. Feb. 14, 1850, d. April 16, 1890 ; Arthur E., b. Sept. 19, 1853, d. Dec. 27, 1858 ; Flora L., b. April 9, 1857 ; Albert, b. Mar. 4, 1862, d. Jan. 12, 1864.

**64** PLINY<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of LINUS (63), m. April 24, 1834, Rachel L. Holcomb of Granby, Conn.

CHILDREN : Linus A., b. April 27, 1835, d. Feb. 6, 1879 ; Dighton, b. Oct. 3, 1841.

**65** LINUS A.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of PLINY (64), m. April 23, 1859, Mary Bowen. Soldier 10th Conn. Inf., War of Rebellion, from Aug. 23, 1862, to June 15, 1865.

CHILDREN : Lena M., b. April 16, 1862, d. Oct. 15, 1864 ; Mary L., b. Sept. 24, 1866 ; Horace Chester, b. Oct. 2, 1871.



**66** DIGHTON<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of PLINY (64), is a Congregational minister at Reynolds Bridge, Conn.; m. Mary Gates of Simsbury, Nov. 27, 1862.

CHILDREN: George Linus, b. April 9, 1866; Sadie Emmeline, b. Nov. 24, 1867, d. April 14, 1890; Hattie Alice, b. Jan. 9, 1871.

*Sadie E.*, m. Nov. 29, 1887, S. A. Walker of Norwich, Conn.

*George L.*, m. Oct. 9, 1889, Mary E. Backus.

*Hattie A.*, m. May 1, 1899, Eugene Benson.

**67** ALBERT<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of LINUS (63), m. Oct. 4, 1840, Mary T. ——.

CHILDREN: Emmeline G., b. Dec. 9, 1845; Alfred E., b. Feb. 22, 1848.

*Emmeline G.*, m. Mar. 10, 1861, Orra Carpenter of Wisconsin. Her children: Lena M., b. Feb. 6, 1863, d. April 13, 1865; Eva E., b. May 20, 1866; Etta A., b. Mar. 17, 1871; Winnifred M., b. Mar. 25, 1876; Alice M., b. Oct. 19, 1877; Dora L., b. Aug. 21, 1882.

**68** ALFRED E.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of ALBERT (67), m. 1875, Mary Mitchell.

CHILDREN: Loly G., b. Oct. 25, 1876; Bertie, b. Nov. 5, 1879, d. July 4, 1881; Frederic, b. Aug. 21, 1882; Hattie, b. Aug. 23, 1884.

**69** FLORA<sup>8</sup> MOSES, dau. of LINUS (63), m. Jan. 22, 1846, John W. Alderman of Simsbury.

CHILDREN: Mary Paulina, b. Jan. 6, 1847, d. Feb. 21, 1853; Flora Theodosia, b. April 27, 1849, d. May 26, 1861; John Franklin, b. Sept. 16, 1854.

*John F.*, m. Feb. 24, 1878, Ida E. Allen of Richmond, Ill. Children: Jessie Ida, b. Sept. 22, 1880; Hazel, b. Feb. 5, 1884, d. May 7, 1888.

**70** JOHN<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of LINUS (63), m. (1st) April, 1858, Elizabeth Eno of Vernon, Wis.; she d. April, 1864; m. (2d) May, 1865, Mrs. Cynthia Neuman; she d. Oct. 1878; m. (3d) Nov. 15, 1883, Mrs. Mary Griswold of Spencer, Iowa.

CHILDREN: Frederic E., b. Mar. 15, 1859; Emily, b. June 9, 1863; Edwin D., b. July 21, 1866; Flora B., b. Aug. 28, 1870; Oscar, b. Oct. 15, 1873.

*Edwin D.*, m. June 9, 1889, in Milford, Iowa.

*Flora B.*, m. Nov. 14, 1887, Onus H. Dixon of Spirit Lake, Iowa.

**71** FREDERIC E.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN (70), m. Mar. 12, 1884, Sylvia Krom.

CHILDREN: Frank P., b. April 12, 1885, d. July 2, 1887; Una L., b. May 28, 1886; Charles R.<sup>10</sup>, b. June 24, 1889.



**72** CURTIS<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of ZEBRINA (43), was a merchant in Marcellus, N. Y., and was later in life Secretary and Treasurer of the Gas Company at Syracuse, N. Y., in which city he resided for several years previous to his death. He m. July 9, 1817, Elizabeth Talmaige, dau. of Jos. Talmadge. She d. April 3, 1877.

CHILDREN: Charlotte, b. Nov. 20, 1818; Benjamin Franklin, b. Dec. 22, 1819, d. Aug. 1, 1855; Lucian, b. May 29, 1822; Girard, b. Jan. 23, 1832, d. Apr. 13, 1874; Irving, b. April 5, 1836.

**73** CHARLOTTE<sup>8</sup> MOSES, dau. of CURTIS (72), m. June 17, 1846, James W. Herring, who was b. in Vermont Jan. 27, 1811. They have no children. They reside in Syracuse, N. Y.

**74** BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of CURTIS (72), was a merchant; m. (1st) June 20, 1845, Elizabeth Platt; she d. Sept. 3, 1847, leaving no children; m. (2d) Sept. 6, 1849, Harriet Webber of Vernon, N. Y.

CHILDREN: Fanny A., b. Oct. 20, 1856; Charles W., b. Nov. 16, 1858.

Charles W. resides at Detroit, Mich. His mother and sister also reside in that city.

**75** LUCIAN<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of CURTIS (72), has been a merchant and contractor; is now living (1889) retired, at Skaneateles, N. Y.; m. June 18, 1863, Mary E. Pardee of Skaneateles, N. Y., daughter of Ebenezer and Almira Pardee of Wooster, Ohio.

**76** GIRARD<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of CURTIS (72), m. Nov. 22, 1854, Ann Snedicor of Long Island.

CHILDREN: Charlotte E., b. Aug. 3, 1855; d. 1857; Edward Curtis, b. Feb. 3, 1859; he m. April 17, 1880, Louisa Henze. He is living in New York city, and his children are Charlotte, b. Feb. 26, 1881; Annie, b. Feb. 25, 1883; Louisa, b. July 1, 1888.

**77** IRVING<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of CURTIS (72), is a merchant at Rochester, N. Y.; m. (1st) June 17, 1857, Jennie L. Fenn of Syracuse, N. Y. She d. at Marcellus, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1867; m. (2d) June 10, 1869, Abbie Burch of Syracuse, N. Y.

CHILDREN: by first marriage, Howard Fenn, b. Dec. 6, 1859, d. May 18, 1877; Ernest Clarence, b. July 7, 1862.

**78** ERNEST C.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of Irving (77), resides at Syracuse, N. Y.; m. Sept. 4, 1888, Catherine Comstock Ramsdell of Fairport, N. Y.

CHILDREN: Kenneth Ramsdell Moses,<sup>10</sup> b. June 7, 1889.



**79** CHARLOTTE<sup>7</sup> MOSES, daughter of ZEBINA (46), m. (Sims. Rec.) Jan. 28, 1822, Chester Moses of Canton, Conn., son of Darius Moses. He m. Louisa B. Hill of Hartford on Dec. 13, 1847. They resided at Skaneateles, N. Y.

CHILDREN: Franklin C., b. at Canton, Dec. 19, 1826, d. Feb. 27, 1856; Helen Charlotte, b. at Canton, Sept. 14, 1824, d. in Cortland, N. Y., Aug. 7, 1886.

*Franklin C.*, m. (1st) Susan Spencer, Sept. 1, 1852; she d. Jan. 26, 1853; m. (2d) Josephine Peck, of Skaneateles, Nov. 1, 1854.

*Helen Charlotte*, m. May 27, 1852, Rev. Ephraim Heag, who d. Oct. 3, 1869. Children: Charlotte Josephine, b. at Norwich, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1856; Franklin C., b. Dec. 29, 1860, d. Oct. 5, 1862; Clara Helen, b. in Cortland, N. Y., July 24, 1863; she m. Feb. 15, 1888, David D. Sutphen.

**80** CHESTER<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of ZEBINA (46), resided at Marcellus, N. Y., and at one time owned several woolen factories; m. (Sims. Rec.) June 18, 1823, Salome Case; she d. April 11, 1865.

CHILDREN: (Sims. Rec.) Julia Ann, b. April 20, 1825, d. Oct. 11, 1826 (tombstone Old Simsbury); Curtis Halleck, b. (Sims. Rec.) July 12, 1826 (family record June 12, 1826); Henry L., b. July 21, 1827, d. Jan. 26, 1851; Lucius, b. Dec. 8, 1831; Julia Henrietta, b. Aug. 30, 1836, d. Mar. 10, 1868.

**81** CURTIS H.<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of CHESTER (80), m. Oct. 9, 1849, Amanda J. Cook; resides at Memphis, N. Y.

CHILDREN: Frankie, b. Nov. 27, 1857; Mortimer M., b. May 11, 1860.

*Mortimer M.* is married, and lives in Syracuse, N. Y.

**82** LUCIUS<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of CHESTER (80), was a soldier, Captain in the 122d N. Y. Vols.; is a manufacturer, and resides at Syracuse, N. Y.; m. June 20, 1866, Emma Richardson of Auburn, N. Y.

CHILDREN: Lucius Lawrence Moses, b. Nov. 26, 1868.

**83** JULIA HENRIETTA<sup>8</sup> MOSES, daughter of CHESTER (80), m. July 14, 1852, Judson L. Thompson.

CHILDREN: Chester M., b. Jan. 17, 1867; Helen, b. Mar. 3, 1868, d. July 17, 1868.

*Chester M.* married, and resides at Syracuse, N. Y.

**84** PLUMA<sup>7</sup> MOSES, daughter of ZEBINA MOSES (46), m. (Sims. Rec.) Nov. 9, 1830, Sanford Balliba, "both of Simsbury." He was for many years a merchant in Marcellus, N. Y., and d. at Farmington, Ill., July 26, 1888.



CHILDREN: Maria (deceased); Ellen, b. Oct. 11, 1835, d. April 23, 1844; Henry (deceased); John, d. 1889; Charlotte E., b. ——; Elmer, d. 1881.

*Maria*, m. Joseph Platt, of Marcellus, N. Y.

*Charlotte E.*, m. J. B. Lamkin, of Chicago, Ill.

**85** MICHAEL<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of MICHAEL (16). As the oldest son of Michael, the son of Caleb, he inherited the original Mount Philip homestead; m. Dec. 25, 1797, Anna M. Crane, who was b. Mar. 28, 1781, d. May 21, 1858. Following is the record from family Bible:

CHILDREN: Polly, b. Feb. 28, 1799, d. Aug. 5, 1838; Ashbel, b. April 16, 1800, d. (tombstone) Jan. 7, 1849; Norman, b. Nov. 25, 1801, d. Feb. 8, 1803; Lydia, b. May 31, 1803, d. July 14, 1858; Nathan, b. Jan. 10, 1805, d. Dec. 2, 1873 (tombstone, Old Sims.); Fanny, b. June 15, 1807, d. Sept. 27, 1816; Norman Watson, b. April 27, 1809, d. April 2, 1867; Newton, b. Mar. 10, 1811, d. Sept. 7, 1871; Anna Oleva, b. Dec. 23, 1813, d. Mar. 26, 1882; Michael Ambrose, b. April 7, 1816, d. Sept. 26, 1865.

*Polly*, m. Zenas Brace, of West Hartford. *Children*: Everett, Fanny, Albert.

*Ashbel*, m. Corrinna Case, of Simsbury. *Children*: Waldron and Seth. None living 1889.

*Lydia*, m. Oct. 15, 1823, George H. Brockett of Canton; one son, Evelyn. None living 1889.

*Norman Watson*, m. (Windsor Rec.) Nov. 23, 1831, Huldah Caldwell, of Windsor. *Children*: Henry, Helen, Charles, and William. None living 1889.

*Newton*, Was an architect; built the Fourth Church, Hartford; m. Althea Riggs of Washington, Conn. Had one child. None living 1889. *Anna Oleva* d. unmarried.

**86** NATHAN<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of MICHAEL (85), was the last survivor of the children of Michael. He and his brother Ashbel were the only sons that remained in their native town. His widowed mother survived her husband forty-two years, and after the death of her eldest son handed down to Nathan a number of old deeds and family papers and the family Bible, dated 1752, which belonged to the first Caleb Moses, and which had passed through the families of the eldest son of each succeeding generation. As Nathan left no son, they were held by his eldest daughter. Nathan m. Nov. 18, 1828, Martha Latimer. She was b. Aug. 6, 1803; d. Aug. 19, 1880.

CHILDREN: Hannah Maria, b. April 10, 1829; Harriet, b.



Dec. 14, 1830, d. Oct. 9, 1832; Harriet Elizabeth, b. Sept. 14, 1823, d. Feb. 3, 1884; Nathan Lucius, b. Nov. 1, 1835, d. Nov. 30, 1853.

*Harriet Elizabeth*, m. May 1, 1856, Leveret Franklin Webster of Avon, Conn. *Children*: Louis, b. Aug. 3, 1858; Helen, b. Sept. 15, 1860; Anna, b. Apr. 27, 1865; Ada, b. March 20, 1870.

**87 HANNAH MARIA<sup>8</sup> MOSES**, daughter of NATHAN MOSES (86), is the last descendant now residing in Simsbury of that branch of the Moses family that inherited the old Mount Philip homestead. She m. March 4, 1849, John Bowen Johns of Delaware, O. He d. Jan. 18, 1850.

**88 MICHAEL AMBROSE<sup>7</sup> MOSES**, son of MICHAEL (85), m. Mary Allen Munsell of Windsor.

**CHILDREN**: b. in Hartford, Geo. N. Moses, b. Oct. 12, 1837; Lewis Edward, b. Feb. 6, 1840, d. June 9, 1842; Albert Alonzo, b. Jan. 27, 1846.

*Albert A.*, m. June 20, 1874, Mrs. Julia Sanford (*nee* Sperry); resides at New Haven.

**89 GEORGE N.<sup>8</sup> MOSES**, son of MICHAEL AMBROSE (88), was soldier in War of Rebellion, Sergeant 24th Conn. Vols.; now resides at New Haven, Conn.; m. (1st) Oct. 18, 1858, Jane E. Bacon; she d. Oct. 4, 1873; m. (2d) June 10, 1875, Mrs. Emma L. Russell (*nee* Wagner).

**CHILDREN**: Alice E., b. July 23, 1860, d. May 12, 1861; Mary E., b. July 18, 1862 (m. Luther D. Porter of Hartford, Oct. 17, 1883); Charles R., b. April 7, 1877, d. July 13, 1877; Wallace B., b. April 7, 1877, d. July 20, 1877.

**90 LUTHER<sup>6</sup> MOSES**, son of MICHAEL (16), m. Huldah Goodrich, May 2, 1809.

**CHILDREN**: Stephen G., b. April 27, 1818; Luther M., b. March 27, 1816, d. May 27, 1880; Alfred, b. May 4, 1820; Selina, b. Feb. 19, 1810; Celestia, b. Nov. 10, 1811, d. April 2, 1887; Morgan, b. Sept. 19, 1813, d. April 30, 1815.

*Stephen G.*, now (1889) living at Hartford, Conn., m. Nov. 27, 1843, Mary H. Atkins. *Children*: Stephen G., b. Feb. 21, 1847, d. Feb. 19, 1853; Mary C., b. Jan. 27, 1851, d. Feb. 25, 1877; Lilly H., b. April 24, 1852; Charles G., b. April 4, 1855. The youngest daughter, Lilly H., m. Oct. 20, 1885, Rev. D. W. Clark; the youngest son lives at Hartford.

*Celestia*, m. (Sims, Rec.) Nov. 25, 1831, Abiel Homer Pease. Has *children*: Moses H., b. Feb. 22, 1835; Sarah H., b. Sept. 30, 1836, d. Aug. 7, 1837; Francis M., b. May 22, 1839.

*Selina*, m. Mar. 25, 1834, Merrick Richardson. She resides at Hartford.



*Luther M.*<sup>1</sup>, m. Nov., 1843, Mary P. Lampson. *Children:* Sarah H., b. Aug. 19, 1844, d. May 7, 1890; Luther M., b. ——; Sarah H. m. Sept. 20, 1869, Edwin J. Smith. *Children:* Gertrude C., Henry C., Edwin J., George A., and Martin T. Luther M., Jr., m. Jan. 17, 1877, Minnie C. Smith. *Children:* Maud S., b. July 6, 1878.

*Alfred*<sup>7</sup> resides at Hartford; unmarried.

**91 DARIUS<sup>7</sup> MOSES**, son of **AARON** (24), resided in the North District, Canton; was a soldier in 1777 in Col. Hooker's regiment; was known by the title of Captain; was a Representative in General Assembly in 1814; (see Hist. of W. Sims. for following record); m. Sarah Adams, dau. of Lieut. David Adams; she d. 1834.

*CHILDREN:* Sarah, b. 1780, d. 1854; Darius, 2d, b. 1782, d. Aug. 21, 1824; Ashbel, b. Jan. 31, 1784, d. Sept. 14, 1867; Roxy, b. 1786, d. 1788; Chauncey, b. 1789, d. April 27, 1851; Flora, b. 1791; Roxy, b. 1796; Chester, b. Mar. 13, 1798, d. July 11, 1862.

*Flora*, m. Elisha Sugden.

*Roxy*, m. Bela Squires.

*Chauncey* (see 188).

*Chester*, m. Charlotte Moses, dau. of Zelina. (see 79).

**92 DARIUS<sup>8</sup> MOSES**, son of **DARIUS** (91). Representative in General Assembly, 1818, (tombstone Canton,) m. Sodema Holcomb, dau. of Jesse Holcomb.

*CHILDREN:* Elizur, Richard, James F., Abigail, Mary.

*Elizur*, m. (St. Andrews Church), Dec. 31, 1835, Rebecca Bates.

**93 ASHBEL<sup>8</sup> MOSES**, son of **DARIUS** (91), removed to Skaneateles, N. Y.; m. Candace Dyer, Sept. 2, 1806; she d. Mar. 31, 1877.

*CHILDREN:* Jane A., b. Nov. 11, 1807, d. May 13, 1837; Daniel D., b. May 2, 1809, d. Sept. 20, 1862; Cordelia, b. Oct. 14, 1810; Solon, b. Mar. 25, 1817, d. Mar. 20, 1818; Solomon, b. March 25, 1819, d. March 28, 1858; Henry, b. Aug. 12, 1823, d. June 12, 1882.

**94 DANIEL D.<sup>9</sup> MOSES**, son of **ASHBEL** (93), m. March 22, 1834, Lucia A. Grover.

*CHILDREN:* Jane (Parsons), b. Nov. 22, 1835; Lucia M., b. Aug. 22, 1839, d. June 2, 1873, m. Sheldon Merrill.

**95 CORDELIA<sup>9</sup> MOSES**, dau. of **ASHBEL** (93), m. Nathaniel Miller, Oct. 17, 1868.

**96 SOLOMON<sup>9</sup> MOSES**, son of **ASHBEL** (93), m. Fidelia S. Pettibone.

*CHILDREN:* Isabel E., b. Aug. 10, 1853, d. Oct. 5, 1860.



**97** HENRY<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of ASHBEL (93), m. Nov. 26, 1850, Lucina W. Rudd.

CHILDREN: James Ashbel, b. July 30, 1854, d. Oct. 11, 1859; Franklin H., b. June 23, 1856; Clara Lucina, b. May 10, 1858, d. Sept. 25, 1886, (m. Frank Powell, Oct. 29, 1880); Edith M., b. March 9, 1863, (m. Chas. Foote, Jan. 5, 1887.) Child: Clara Adele Foote, b. Dec. 9, 1887.

**98** FRANKLIN H.<sup>10</sup> MOSES, son of HENRY (97), m. Dec. 17, 1884, Cornelia R. Briggs.

CHILDREN: Harry Briggs<sup>11</sup>, b. May 8, 1887; Bessie C.<sup>11</sup>, b. March 22, 1889.

**99** SEYMOUR AARON<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of AARON (24), resided at Canton, Conn., m. Rhoda Humphrey.

CHILDREN: Seymour, d. about 1847; Aaron.

*Seymour* had children, Gideon Humphrey, and Seymour.

**100** ELISHA<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of ELISHA (25), removed from Canton to Lenox, N. Y., in 1810, and to Mount Morris, N. Y., in 1818; m. Hannah Merrill.

CHILDREN: Hannah A., b. Aug. 1, 1788, d. April 16, 1866; Elisha D., b. Feb. 12, 1790, d. Oct. 19, 1871; Ormenta, b. March 22, 1791, d. March 1, 1825; Arden, b. Sept. 6, 1792, d. April 12, 1842; Timothy, b. Aug. 9, 1794, d. Sept. 4, 1823; Phoebe, b. Feb. 23, 1796, d. Jan. 18, 1820; Betsey, b. Aug. 6, 1797, d. June 8, 1857; Schnyler, b. Dec. 31, 1798, d. March 13, 1889; Marcus, b. Sept. 30, 1800, d. Dec. 8, 1880; Edmund, b. Nov. 11, 1801, d. Sept. 22, 1864; Aurelia, b. Sept. 23, 1803; Flavia, b. July 25, 1805, d. July 3, 1858.

*Elisha Drayton* lived in Mount Morris, N. Y. Children: Rebecca (Mrs. Jasper), Eliza, and America.

*Arden*, drowned in Saginaw Bay in 1841; left sons, and daughters, Virginia, and Missouri, in Michigan. One son was killed at Gettysburg.

*Timothy* died a bachelor in Hindooostan in 1823.

*Marcus* lived in Lockport. Children: William Quimby, b. 1837; Marcus E., b. 1842, d. a soldier in the late war; Alexander S., b. 1845, lives in Lockport; Harriet A., b. 1839; Sarah J. (Hotchkiss).

*Edmund*, a bachelor, d. in Buffalo, N. Y.

*Aurelia* lives at old homestead, Mt. Morris, N. Y.

*Betsey*, m. George Wilner. Children: Marcus, Merriman, and two daughters in Michigan.

**101** SCHUYLER<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of ELISHA (100), was one of the pioneers of Rochester, N. Y. Personal items concerning him are given in chapter I of this book. He m. (1st) July 6, 1824,



Elsie Carpenter; she d. July 16, 1836; m. (2d) Mar. 22, 1837, Mrs. Susan Morgan; she d. Nov. 9, 1838; m. (3d) Dec. 4, 1840, Bertha Callender; she d. May 24, 1871.

**CHILDREN:** William S., b. 1827; Elsie A., b. 1835; Martha A., b. 1848; Fred. A., b. 1856.

*Elsie A.*, m. Sept. 27, 1856, Adolphus A. Hobe; resides at San Francisco, Cal. *Children*: nine in number, all living in 1889 except one son, who d. in 1864.

*Martha A.*, living, in 1889, in the old homestead at Rochester, N. Y.

**102 WILLIAM S.<sup>9</sup> MOSES**, son of SCHUYLER (101), lives in San Francisco, Cal.; m. Nov. 12, 1855, Addie Warren.

**CHILDREN:** Addie, b. Dec. 30, 1856; Elsie, b. June 25, 1860; both d. in infancy.

**103 FREDERICK A.<sup>9</sup> MOSES**, son of SCHUYLER (101), resides at Rochester, N. Y.; m. Nov. 26, 1878, Mary Hibbard.

**CHILDREN:** Frederick C., b. 1882; George H., b. 1884.

**104 HANNAH A.<sup>8</sup> MOSES**, dau. of ELISHA (100), m. about 1808, Henry Crane of Litchfield, N. Y.

**CHILDREN:** S. H.: Judge A. M. Crane of Oakland, Cal.; E. T.; Albert E.; Mrs. I. E. Scaddin; Amelia P.; D. E.; and Charles A.

**105 ORMENTA<sup>3</sup> MOSES**, dau. of ELISHA (100), m. 1818, Friend Barnard.

**CHILDREN:** Wellington, and Phoebe.

**106 FREDERICK<sup>7</sup> MOSES**, son of ELISHA (25), m. (Brown's W. Sims.) Delilah Mills.

**CHILDREN:** Milo, b. May 12, 1793; Clarissa, b. Sept. 1, 1795; Horatio, b. Sept. 1, 1795, d. Dec. 9, 1876; Lorenzo, b. June 2, 1797; Orestes, b. Sept. 30, 1798; Clarissa Paulina, b. July 7, 1890.

*Milo.* One tradition is that he was lost at sea, and another that he went to sea in one of Astor's fur vessels, and that the most of the Oregon family of the Moses name are his descendants. Papers in Pension-Office show that Milo Moses, b. in Simsbury, enlisted in 1819, aged 26, as soldier 6th U. S. Inf. Discharged in 1822; wounded by explosion, and pensioned.

*Lorenzo*, m. Mar. 13, 1824, Elizabeth Brush; was, in 1855, a contractor and builder in New York City.

*Orestes*, m. July 13, 1822, Emeline L. Griffin.

*Clarissa P.*, m. Feb. 28, 1827, Peter Kemple.

**107 HORATIO<sup>8</sup> MOSES**, son of FREDERICK (106), m. Nov. 26, 1829, Nancy B. Creamer. Removed to California about 1858, from Paterson, N. J.

**CHILDREN:** John C., b. Aug. 27, 1830; Emma R., b. April



1, 1832; Julia A., b. Dec. 3, 1838; Horatio, b. Mar. 1835; Frederick, b. Mar. 6, 1839.

**108** JOHN C.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of HORATIO (107), m. (1st) May 5, 1853, Charlotte G. Wilcoxson; m. (2d) Kate E. Brush.

CHILD (by 1st wife): Lorenzo, b. Aug. 23, 1856.

**109** LORENZO<sup>10</sup> MOSES, son of JOHN C. (108), resides at New Haven, Conn.; m. April 12, 1882, Susan O. Bentley, dau. of Thomas Bentley.

CHILDREN: Bessie, b. Feb. 4, 1883, d. Aug. 11, 1883; Edna, b. July 8, 1883, d. Aug. 11, 1883; Carrie W., b. Jan. 1, 1888, at Derby, Conn.

**110** EMMA R.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, dau. of HORATIO (107), m. (1st) May 4, 1853, Isaac C. Buckhout; m. (2d) Mr. Broadwell. She resides in New York city.

CHILDREN (by her first marriage): Jennie S., b. Dec. 18, 1854, (m. Charles A. Travis;) Geo. A., b. June 11, 1857; Craig E., b. Nov. 5, 1865.

**111** JULIA ANN<sup>9</sup> MOSES, dau. of HORATIO (107), m. April 13, 1857, Watson A. Bray. Resides at Fruitvale, East Oakland, Cal.

CHILDREN: Emma, b. May 19, 1858, (m. Alfred H. Cohen;) John G., b. Mar. 24, 1860, d. Nov. 8, 1860; Mary G., b. Oct. 11, 1861, d. July 13, 1862; Robert A. and Edward M., twins, b. May 27, 1863; Mary and Julia, twins, b. Dec. 8, 1864; Mary d. Sept. 11, 1868; Howard W., b. July 11, 1871.

**112** FREDERICK<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of HORATIO (107), resides in Contra Costa Co., Cal.; m. Oct. 13, 1868, Mollie Reeder.

CHILDREN: Frederick A., b. Sept. 21, 1869; Robert T., b. June 3, 1873; Edward H., b. Sept. 12, 1880.

**113** RUFUS<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of ELNATHAN (28), removed from West Simsbury to West Rutland, to Ticonderoga, to Dayton, N. Y., and about 1847 to French Creek; is buried at Clymer, N. Y.; m. (1st) at West Rutland, Vt., Lydia Ramsdale; she d. Sept. 13, 1828; m. (2d) at Orwell, Vt., Mrs. (Rand) Simmons; she d. at the home of William Moses, Dec. 11, 1879, aged 95.

CHILDREN (by first wife): Hiram, b. Sept. 3, 1798, d. Oct. 27, 1880; Augustus, b. June 18, 1800, d. April 27, 1862; Laura, d. about 1844; Seth, b. 1804, d. Nov., 1878; El Nathaniel, d. about 1854; Alonzo, b. Dec. 22, 1808, d. April 15, 1857; Eliza; Betsey, d. about 1846, at Orleans Co., N. Y.



*Laura*, m. Samuel Harwood in Orleans Co., N. Y.; several children.  
*Ethan* lived in Crawford Co., Pa., and had a large family; one or more of his sons were in the army.

*Abner* had child, Mary Ann Moses, living (1889) at Dayton, N. Y.

*Eliza*, m. Samuel Harwood in 1845, and lived in Orleans Co., N. Y.

**114 HIRAM<sup>8</sup> MOSES**, son of RUFUS (113), m. April 9, 1821, Betsey Campbell, dau. of Capt. John Campbell, soldier of the Revolution; she d. March 30, 1877. Removed from Ticonderoga to West Haven, Vt., in 1839; to French Creek, N. Y., 1843; to Wayne, Pa., 1866; and to Clymer, N. Y., 1871; was a deacon in the Congregational Church.

CHILDREN: Emmeline, b. March 28, 1822, d. Sept. 16, 1847; John C., b. Feb. 25, 1824; Amasa Cassius, b. Aug. 22, 1826, d. Feb. 9, 1887; Laura, b. Feb. 21, 1829, d. Sept. 11, 1864; William W., b. Dec. 17, 1831; Chauncey B., b. Sept. 18, 1834; Augustus F., b. May 29, 1838; Hiram E., b. March 25, 1841; Vincent, b. July 1, 1844.

*Emmeline*, m. March 23, 1842, Horace E. King. Children: Charles King, who is married and has children.

*Laura*, m. May 2, 1849, Lawyer S. Terry.

**115 JOHN C.<sup>9</sup> MOSES**, son of HIRAM (114), resides at Clinton, Iowa; m. July 21, 1850, Catherine U. Terry.

CHILDREN: Eaton L., b. June 13, 1851; Mary E., b. Aug. 2, 1853, d. Feb. 22, 1861; Laura L., b. Aug. 10, 1857; Frank S., b. June 13, 1861; John H., b. Aug. 15, 1863.

*Frank S.*, m. Elizabeth ——, June 23, 1886.

**116 AMASA CASSIUS<sup>9</sup> MOSES**, son of HIRAM (114), m. April 12, 1848, Naomi A. Terry.

CHILDREN: Arthur H., b. Feb. 21, 1851; Lawyer C., b. Jan. 19, 1853; Edward W., b. July 23, 1856; William A., b. Oct. 17, 1858; Lincoln E., b. Oct. 14, 1860; Cassius M. T., b. Jan. 31, 1865; Seward E., b. Dec. 27, 1868.

*Edward W.*, m. Jan. 29, 1882, Annie J. Wood.

*William A.*, m. Dec. 21, 1882, Grace M. Buckland.

**117 ARTHUR H.<sup>10</sup> MOSES**, son of AMASA C. (116), m. April 20, 1872, Ella Snowden.

CHILDREN: Mary E., b. Feb. 7, 1873; Clyde L.<sup>11</sup>, b. March 2, 1878; William B.<sup>11</sup>, b. Sept. 15, 1884.

**118 LAWYER C.<sup>10</sup> MOSES**, son of AMASA C. (116), m. Dec. 24, 1879, Clara J. Mitchell.

CHILDREN: Clara B., b. Nov. 5, 1880, d. Feb. 27, 1881; Earle C.<sup>11</sup>, b. June 25, 1882; Lillian A., b. Nov. 25, 1885.



**119** WILLIAM W.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of HIRAM (114), m. Oct. 19, 1870, Lucinda W. Crosby.

CHILDREN: Laura, b. Aug. 16, 1871; Amasa R., b. Jan. 7, 1873; Clementine, b. Nov. 17, 1880.

**120** CHAUNCEY B.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of HIRAM (114), m. March 11, 1865, Mary J. Henderson.

CHILDREN: Laura A., b. Feb. 12, 1866; Edith M., b. Oct. 13, 1868; Clifford H., b. April 2, 1872; Dasie M., b. May 27, 1875.

**121** AUGUSTUS F.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of HIRAM (114), was a soldier, Com. Sergt., 49th N. Y. Reg.; m. Jan. 1, 1868, Eunice C. Newton.

CHILDREN: Edward N., b. Oct. 5, 1870, d. March 2, 1871; Lillie V., b. July 27, 1872, d. Oct. 14, 1875; Josephine A., b. Aug. 28, 1874.

**122** VINCENT<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of HIRAM (114), graduate of Amherst College in 1866 and Hartford Theological Seminary in 1871; engaged in business until 1887, when he was ordained a Congregational minister; resides (1889) at Patten, Me.; m. (1st) Aug. 25, 1874, Evelyn Alice Hazeltine of Medway, Mass.; she d. Aug. 6, 1875; m. (2d), on June 5, 1883, Mrs. Lucusta Jane Thomas, daughter of Dr. Luther Rogers, Patten, Me.

**123** AUGUSTUS<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of RUFUS (113), b. at Pittsford, Vt.; m. Jan. 11, 1826, Calista Harvey.

CHILDREN: Sarah J., b. May 26, 1827, d. Oct. 25, 1845; Caroline H., b. Dec. 24, 1830; Henry H., b. Oct. 9, 1832; Mary E., b. Feb. 13, 1835. Children and grandchildren living at Ticonderoga.

*Caroline H.*, m. 1847 to Mr. Cook.

*Mary E.*, m. Sept. 20, 1866, Martin H. Shattuck.

**124** HENRY H.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of AUGUSTUS (123), m. April 30, 1857, Emily J. Rising.

CHILDREN: Francis M., b. April 13, 1858; Horace A., b. April 21, 1862; Jennie R., b. Sept. 1, 1864; Harvey H., b. Oct. 29, 1871, d. May 8, 1880.

**125** SETH<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of RUFUS (113), d. in Michigan.

CHILDREN: Martha, living, 1883, at Battle Creek, Mich.; Hiram, living, 1883; Seth, d. 1856, aged 19; Andrew, soldier, d. in the army at Hamburg Landing, Tenn., 1863, aged 19; George, d. at Lawrence, Mich., 1871, leaving wife and three daughters; Judson J.



**126** JUDSON J.<sup>9</sup> MOSES, son of SETH (125), soldier, enlisted Sept. 17, 1861, in 3d Michigan Cavalry.

CHILDREN: Minnie (married); son b. June 23, 1865; Maria, b. July 15, 1871; Mary, b. Feb., 1879.

**127** ROGER<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of DANIEL (13), lived in Barkhamsted. His estate was distributed March 10, 1828, to widow Patience T. and children Salmon, Mark, Matthew, Lois (Hart), Hannah (Andrews), Almira (Paine), Ruth (Pike), Mary (Case). From the town records it appears he m. Feb. 9, 1792, Patience Tatitha Barber, and had:

CHILDREN: Salmon, b. Aug. 19, 1792; Almira, b. Jan. 14, 1795; Mary, b. July 13, 1797; Matthew, b. July 17, 1799, d. Feb. 7, 1861; Ruth, b. Sept. 29, 1801; Hannah, b. March 4, 1804; Lois, b. June 12, 1806; Mark, b. June 18, 1808, d. (tombstone Bark.) July 23, 1848.

*Salmon.* Marcus Moses, aged 85, informs writer that Salmon went to Ohio, and had daughters Esther and Betsey.

*Almira*, m. (1st) Cromwell Paine, and (2d) Eben C. Payne (see Pro. Rec.).

*Mary*, m. Newton Case.

*Ruth*, m. Hiram Pike.

*Hannah*, m. Wm. T. Andrews.

*Lois*, m. Noah Hart.

**128** MATTHEW<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of Roger (127), m. (Bark. Rec.), June 10, 1821, Malista Wilcox.

CHILDREN: Elmer, of New Hartford; Harry E. (from tombstone Barkhamsted) was b. Aug. 5, 1824, d. March 29, 1888; Jane; Lucia.

**129** MARK<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of ROGER (127), (Bark. Pro. Rec.), distribution of his estate, Aug. 4, 1848, to his widow, Eliza, and to his "heirs at law, Ruth Pike, Hannah Andrews, Lois Hart, Mary Case, Matthew Moses, Salmon Moses, and Almira Payne, wife of Eben C. Payne."

**130** HARRY E.<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of MATTHEW (128), m. Caroline

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CHILDREN (not all): Clifford S., d. Feb. 23, 1862, aged 4; Homer, d. Sept. 7, 1864, aged 11; according to Marcus Moses, he had children named Ernest, Herbert, and Georgiana, who m. Curtis Warner.

**131** ELMER F.<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of MATTHEW (128), m. (Winchester Rec.) Jan. 6, 1850, Louisa McElroy.

**132** OTHNIEL<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of OTHNIEL (21), lived in Bris-



tol and in Burlington, Conn.; m. Mary Dowd; she d. Oct. 8, 1841. Will of Othniel, in Prob. Rec. of Farmington, mentions wife and children by name.

*CHILDREN:* Chauncey, b. May 29, 1783; Joshua, b. Aug. 20, 1784, d. Nov. 10, 1863; Mary, b. July 20, 1786; Laura, b. June 2, 1788, d. Jan. 13, 1880; Betsey, b. June 20, 1790; Sophia, b. Mar. 13, 1792; Chloe, b. Feb. 17, 1794; Orrin, b. May 12, 1796, d. Nov. 10, 1853; Isaac, b. Dec. 9, 1797; Rhoda, b. June 12, 1800.

*Chauncey* lived in Farmington; m. (1st) Fannie Hinman; m. (2d) Harriet Williams, no children.

*Mary*, m. Chauncey Colton, and had *children*: Mary and Sophia.

*Laura*, m. Samuel Payne of Farmington, and had *children*: Harriet, Jeannette, Sidney, and Fannie.

*Betsey*, m. Colton Kellogg and removed to Ohio. They had *children*: Sophia, Sidney, Cyrus, and Chloe.

*Sophia*, m. Isaac Belden of Burlington. *Children*: Emeline, Mary, Washington, Levi, Sophia, Constant, Isaac, Sarah.

*Chloe*, m. Ambrose Hart of Farmington. *Children*: Betsey, Samuel, and Frederick.

*Rhoda*, m. Ruel Palmeter of Burlington. *Children*: Edward, Antoinette, Orasmus, Chloe, Diantha, and Riley.

**133 JOSHUA<sup>7</sup> MOSES**, son of OTHNIEL (131), lived in Burlington; was a soldier of War of 1812, under Captain Daniel Deming; m. June 27, 1811, Chloe Beckwith. She died May 8, 1876.

*CHILDREN:* Richard, b. July 16, 1812, d. July 28, 1860; Mary, b. Mar. 3, 1824.

**134 ORRIN<sup>7</sup> MOSES**, son of OTHNIEL (132), lived in Burlington; m. Polly Tuttle.

*CHILDREN:* John, Salina, Jane, Luther, Chloe, Laura, Julia, Eveline.

*John* lives at Unionville, Conn.; m. (1st) Armilla Upson; no children; m. (2d) Anna Judd. *Children*: Orrin, Luther, Frank, and Charles.

*Salina*, m. Robert Hughes; one son.

*Luther*, m. Louisa Barnes. *Children*: Agnes (m. Edwin Abbe), Celia (m. Edwin Mix), and Nellie. Luther d. in New Britain.

*Chloe*, m. Andrew Upson. *Children*: Dennis, William, Burton, Luther, Mary, and William.

*Laura*, m. Henry Milod; two children.

*Jane*, m. Thomas Brooks. *Children*: Bertha, Bessie, and Mabel.

*Julia*, m. Hubert Hart. *Children*: Arthur, Ernest, William, Carlos, Frank, and Mary; resides at Unionville.



**135** ISAAC<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of OTHNIEL (132), m. Matilda Barnes, who d. in Avon, Conn.

CHILDREN: Martin, Chauncey, and Charles.

*Charles* resides in Avon; m. (1st) Juliette Fuller; m. (2d) Mary Colvin. A Charles Moses was a soldier of the late war, enlisting at Canton in the 1st Conn. Heavy Artillery. Possibly Charles, the soldier, was the grandson of Orrin (see 134).

**136** RICHARD<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of JOSHUA (133), m. at Bristol, Conn., April 19, 1836, Rachel Norton. She m. (2d) Henry Gridley of Bristol.

CHILDREN: Harriet E., b. Jan. 12, 1837; Adrian, b. Mar. 21, 1838; Sarah, b. Aug. 23, 1839, d. Nov. 14, 1845; Ellen, b. Dec. 14, 1840; Emerson, b. May 19, 1843; Bernard, b. Aug. 27, 1846; Dennison, b. Aug. 28, 1848, d. Feb. 15, 1853; Richard A., b. Aug. 13, 1850; Lucius H., b. Feb. 10, 1853.

*Adrian* lives in Unionville, Conn. *Children*: Arthur and Henrietta.

*Ellen*, in 1861, m. Asa Upson; is now a widow, residing at East Saginaw, Mich.

*Emerson* resides in Lake Crystal, Minn., and has sons, Oliver and Charles.

*Bernard* is a professor at Berkeley College, Berkeley, Cal.

*Richard A.* resides at Woonsocket, S. Dak., and has a dau., Ellen B.

*Lucius H.* resides at Lake Crystal, Minn.

**137** MARY<sup>8</sup> MOSES, dau. of JOSHUA (133), m. Oct. 25, 1843, Lucius D. Pond of Unionville, Conn.

CHILDREN: Joshua M., b. Jan. 19, 1845; L. Bradford, b. July 14, 1847; Mary E., b. Aug. 3, 1853, d. Dec. 8, 1887.

**138** CHAUNCEY<sup>8</sup> MOSES, son of DARUS (91), was a Representative in the General Assembly from Canton, Conn., in 1843; m. Catherine Johnson.

CHILDREN: Harry, d. July 5, 1838, aged 21; Elizabeth; Flora A.; Rollin, b. Feb. 6, 1825; Seymour D.

*Elizabeth* (Farmington, Conn., Prob. Rec.) wills, Mar. 8, 1858, property to sister, Flora A. In the inventory are notes of Rollin and Seymour D.

*Rollin* resides (1889) at Manhattan, Kan. He has a fine estate just outside the town.

*Seymour D.* Mention is made in Hist. W. Simsbury of the place formerly owned by him.

**139** JOSHUA<sup>5</sup> MOSES, son of JOSHUA (10), resided in Norfolk, Conn. From Norfolk town records we find that, on April 24,



1769, "Joshua Moses, of *Stasby*, bought land in Norfolk of Matthew Phelps;" also a deed, July 2, 1772, from "Joshua, the elder, to son Joshua." In the distribution of the estate of Joshua, Nov. 4, 1795, Norfolk Pro. Rec., mention is made of wife Abigail, and the reservation of a "shop" to Jonathan; then further distribution is made to Joshua, Thomas, Jonathan, Abigail Palmer, and Jesse Moses, as "heirs of Joshua." Previous to this are recorded several deeds, Nov. 30, 1792, for "love and good will," to "son Jesse," "son Thomas," "son Joshua, Jr.," and on Sept. 17, 1794, to Jesse Moses "from his honored father." It seems a little singular that a son Jonah was left out of this distribution, as we find in Norfolk Records this entry: "Jonah Moses, son of Joshua Moses, and Abigail, his wife, b. Oct. 25, 1777." In the *History of the Terry Family* we learn that "Abigail Terry, b. Jan. 18, 1740, m. Joshua Moses of Norfolk."

**CHILDREN:** Joshua, Thomas, Jonathan, Abigail, Jesse, and Jonah.

*Abigail<sup>6</sup>*, (Winchester Rec.), m. April 23, 1728, Reuben Palmer.

*Joshua<sup>6</sup>*, (Norfolk Rec.), distribution of estate of Joshua Moses to Elizabeth, his widow, on June 13, 1822.

*Jesse<sup>6</sup>*. The "Terry History" states that Roxy Terry m. a son of Jesse Moses of Norfolk, and that they became Mormons. (Sims, Ch. Rec.) "James Moses m. Roxy M. Terry, April 9, 1833."

*Jonah*. On Oct. 25, 1804, Jonah deeds to Jonathan land bounded north by Thomas Moses, south by land of Ruth Moses, now Ruth Sturtevant. On Oct. 17, 1805, "Nathan Sturtevant and Ruth, of Glover, Co. of New Orleans, Vermont," deed to Jonah of Norfolk. Jonah may have resided for a time in Vermont or elsewhere, and was thus omitted in the distribution of his father's estate.

*Thomas<sup>6</sup>*; on Feb. 9, 1803, deeds land to Jonah and Jonathan, Sept. 15, 1824, administration granted to Thomas on estate of Ralph Moses, late of Norfolk. (Ralph was probably a nephew.) On Oct. 12, 1832, administration granted to Thomas on estate of Benjamin Moses of Norfolk on account of a widow Clarissa and a minor child, Abigail, 1 year old, for whom Michael T. and Thomas Moses are appointed guardians.

**140 ORRIN MOSES** of Winchester, Conn. Estate probated at Norfolk. Orrin and many others were doubtless descendants of the sons of Joshua, above mentioned, all of whom have removed from Norfolk. Orrin's property was distributed to his "mother Hannah," "brothers Reuben, Rufus, Clinton, and Thomas, and to sisters Sally Erigston, and Charlotte Moses." There are reasons for believing that this Orrin and the family mentioned removed to



Torrington, Conn. The following notes are from the *History of Torrington*: "Admitted freeman in 1818, Austin Moses, *Rufus Moses*," "Members of Masonic Lodge at Newfield in Torrington about 1823, *Orrin Moses*, and many years later, *Thomas Moses*." One of the "members of a band of music at Wolcottville, in Torrington, in 1832, was *Thomas Moses*." "Married Nov. 12, 1826, *Thomas Moses* and Ann M. Bissell." Also, "Ellen E. Moses, member of church at Wolcottville in 1868." Wm. Moses m. July 6, 1857, Rogenia M. Case of Torrington. "Oscar Moses of Canton m. Jan. 2, 1858, Amelia Moses of Torrington." From Old Winchester Records: "Joshua B. Moses, of Harwinton, m. Sept. 21, 1828, Ruth Richards of Winchester."

**141 JONAH<sup>6</sup> MOSES**, probably the son of JOHN (19), or ZEBULON (20), both of whom had sons at Rutland, Vt., who are not recorded at Simsbury, Conn. The Congregational Church Manual of West Rutland gives Jonah as a "member" in 1785, and as "dismissed to another church" at a subsequent date. His name is also found in Rutland deeds. Judge John Moses of Chicago furnishes the following somewhat imperfect record of the descendants of Jonah:

CHILDREN: Erastus, b. at Rutland, Vt., Sept. 6, 1792, d. at Naples, Ill., Sept. 6, 1838; Enam, living in Illinois in 1839; Clarissa; Sarah.

*Enam*. This singular name may have been taken from a near relative and gallant soldier of Simsbury, Conn., whose connection has not been traced.\*

**142 ERASTUS<sup>7</sup> MOSES**, son of JONAH (141). From the Conn. Adj.-Gen.'s Record, we learn that he was a soldier, enlisting as a Sergeant at Middletown, Conn., Feb. 5, 1815, in the 25th U. S. Inf., under Major Daniel Ketcham. At some time after the war he removed to Canada, and again, in 1837, to Naples, Ill. He m. (1st) Nancy ——; and (2d), in Canada, in 1824, Jemima Merritt.

CHILDREN (by first wife): Ambrose J., b. April 12, 1814; William, d. in Naples in 1838; Polly, b. Aug. 4, 1817; (by second wife):

\* An Enam Moses enlisted at Simsbury, Conn., in March, 1799, for the war under Capt. Hoagland in Col. Selden's Regiment of Light Dragoons; was in the fight in repelling the attempt of the British to capture Tarrytown on the Hudson. He was attacked with small-pox, and was permitted to return home in April, 1799; m. Feb. 13, 1793, Catherine Dickinson, of Manchester, Vt. He d. at Middlebury, Genesee Co., N. Y., Aug. 2, 1824. His widow was residing there in 1843, aged 79.

CHILDREN: (From a Bible leaf in pension papers) James, b. March 18, 1792; Enam, b. April 3, 1795; Amarilla, b. Jan. 15, 1797; Myranda, b. Sept. 29, 1798; Lucinda, b. June 1, 1805.



John, b. at Chippewa, Can., Sept. 18, 1825; Priscilla, b. Oct. 3, 1828, deceased; Charlotte, b. June 4, 1831; Nancy, b. Nov. 12, 1835, deceased; William E., b. February, 1838, deceased.

**143 JOHN<sup>7</sup> MOSES**, son of ERASTUS (112), has had a prominent political and literary career. He has filled the offices of Judge of Scott Co., Ill.; Private Secretary (with military rank) to Gov. Yates during the late war; Member of the Legislature of Ill.; and is now Secretary and Librarian of the Chicago Historical Society. He is the author of a comprehensive History of Illinois, in two octavo volumes of 500 pages each. He m. (1st) April 17, 1849, Sarah Louisa, dau. of Col. Chas. F. Keener; she d. April 14, 1857; m. (2d) June 15, 1859, Sallie M. Woods, dau. of Col. John R. Woods.

**CHILDREN:** Caroline, b. Mar. 17, 1850; Richard H., b. April 26, 1851; John F., b. Oct. 24, 1853; Charles K., b. July 31, 1855; Louis, b. April, 1857, deceased; Mabel L., b. May 14, 1860; Sadie A., b. July 17, 1862, deceased; Henry W., b. June 14, 1866; Philip G., b. Aug. 1, 1869; Christine T., b. Mar. 18, 1872.

**144 JOHN<sup>6</sup> MOSES**, son of JOHN (19), is mentioned in the Rutland, Vt., Records in a deed of land which he received from his father as "my beloved son, John Moses, Jr." This "John, Jr." removed from Rutland to Williston, and afterward to Huntington, Vt., where he died. He m. Polly Bates of Rutland, Vt.

**CHILDREN:** Silas, Anna, Hannah, Jonathan, John, and Lucy.

*Silas*, m. Diana Peck of Hinesburg, Vt., and removed to Stockholm, N. Y., where he died. They had five children, some of whom are said to be yet living.

*Anna*, m. Samuel Tucker, and lived and died in Huntington, Vt. They had six children — two living in 1890: Daniel B. Tucker of Essex Junction, Vt., and John Tucker of Huntington, Vt.

*Hannah*, d. unm. at Huntington, Vt.

*Jonathan*, m. Mercy Sinkler of Essex, Vt. He d. in Underhill, Vt. They had two children.

*John*, m. Kitty Wilcox. They lived in Huntington, Vt., and had two children.

*Lucy*, m. (1st) Calvin Wright. They settled in Canton, N. Y., where he d., leaving five children; m. (2d) Nathaniel Chaffee of Monkton, Vt., by whom she had also five children.

As stated in the first chapter of this work, the writer considers that the record of the lawsuit gives a fair presumption that John Moses, the shipwright, of Plymouth Colony, had an earlier residence in either Salem or Lynn, which towns are only about eight



miles apart, and in early days had one probate jurisdiction. It will be remembered that Keyser, Guy, and Gibbons, who were interested in the "pinnace," came from Lynn and Salem. The record of the lawsuit also shows that John Moses employed a Mass. *Bay* lawyer and was familiar with methods of procedure in that Colony. In the Salem Records the births of Moses children and Keyser children are entered in close proximity. The age at which a Henry Moses of Salem married, and his occupation as a sea captain, also lend probability to the theory that he was a son of John Moses of Plymouth. In an apocryphal way we therefore give Henry Moses as of the second generation. The writer has personally searched the early manuscript records of Salem, and gives the following items gleaned therefrom:

**145** HENRY<sup>2</sup> MOSES, and Remember Gyles (Coll. Essex Ins. Vol. II, in an extended record of the Very family, gives her name as Remember Very) were, "maryd by Major Hathorn, 1-2-1659. Their da. Hannah bo. 20-11-59 and deceased 2-8 mo. 61 — Son Henry bo. 8-12 mo. 61; Da. Eliza b. 8-12 mo. 63; John - 19 Nov. 1666; — Remember b. 14-9 mo. 1668; Edward bo. 10-9 mo. 70; Eleazer bo. 23, Mar. 167 2/3: son Samuel born 24 June 1677." On April 17, 1684, Henry Moses was appointed one of the appraisers of the estate of John Very. In Vol. 3 of Probate Records appears an "Inventory of the estate of Henry Moses lately deceased," taken on 19th of Nov. 1685. Among the effects are "1 gun, fishing lines, parcel of old books, quadrant and compass, and forestanfe\* without vanes."

*Remember Moses, m. John Follit, Nov. 1702.*

**146** ELEAZER<sup>3</sup> MOSES (spelled Moises), "son of HENRY (145). m. to Hannah Ward, June 24, 1697." Probably commanded a vessel, as the Probate Records of 1718 mention him as "Captain." Administration was granted to his widow, Hannah; his property amounting to £159. (Vol. VII, Coll. Essex Ins.) Hannah, dau. of Eleazer, bap. Oct. 6, 1700.

CHILDREN: Hannah (Coll. Essex Ins.), bap. October, 1700; Eleazer, b. Nov. 28, 1703, d. in 1786; Henry, b. Dec. 31, 1710; Samuel, b.

\* Dyche's Dict. of 1758: "Forestaff. An instrument formerly much used at sea to make observation of the sun, moon, and stars, with the face toward the object, but now almost out of use." Encyclopedic Dict.: "The forestaff has a straight square staff and four crosses or vanes, which slide thereon."



Oct. 21, 1714. (Vol. VII, Essex Ins.) mentions Hannah as dau. of Eleazer, and as selling land to bro. Eleazer, 1722-1732 and 1761. Hannah, m. Nov. 29, 1722, Benj. Ropes.

*Samuel*, m. Sarah Brown, July 20, 1755.

**147 HENRY<sup>4</sup> MOSES**, son of ELEAZER (146), m. Sarah Osgood, "both of Salem," May 8, 1735 (Vol. VIII, Essex Ins.). Sarah, dau. of Henry and Sarah, bap. March, 1737. She m. (Salem Rec.) Nov. 18, 1755, John Carwick.

**148 ELEAZER MOSES**. The probate of his estate makes it difficult to say from whom descended. Administration granted, 1727, on "estate of Eleazer Moses, mariner, late of Salem, to his son Eleazer." Estate inventories £141, and includes, "an instrument of gunnery, a quadrant, and sea chart."

**149 ELEAZER<sup>4</sup> MOSES**, son of ELEAZER (146). Probate Rec. mentions him as a sailmaker of Salem, and that administration was granted to son Benjamin. (Vol. VII, Essex Ins.) Eleazer, with others, signs bond, Feb. 14, 1773; m. Nov., 1730, Mary Henderson.

- CHILDREN (see Vol. VIII, Hist. Coll. Essex Ins.); baptisms, "children of Eleazer and Mary": Samuel, December, 1733; Eleazer, January, 1734, buried Sept. 25, 1774; Benjamin, Feb. 6, 1736, d. July 16, 1803; Mary, April 15, 1739; Henry, Dec. 21, 1740; John, May 9, 1742; Joseph and Hannah, June 3, 1744; Joseph, Nov. 3, 1745; Hannah, Jan. 28, 1750, d. April 21, 1797; John, Jan. 19, 1751.

*Hannah*, m. (Salem Rec.) May 22, 1768, John Chipman.

*Samuel*, m. (Salem Rec.) June 22, 1788, Elizabeth Dunkley.

**150 BENJAMIN<sup>5</sup> MOSES**, son of ELEAZER (149). (Vol. III, Coll. Essex Ins.) During Revolutionary War was master of private armed vessel *The Creature*, afterwards called the *Oliver Cromwell*. The latter part of his life he commanded the sloop *Indian*, sailing as a packet between Salem and Boston. He was admitted to Essex Lodge of Free Masons, Apr. 9, 1779. (Vol. I.) He was a volunteer on the expedition, Aug., 1778, to expel the British General Pigot and army from Rhode Island. m. June 7, 1761, Sarah Caryll.

CHILDREN (Coll. Essex Ins.,) Salem bap. in First Church: Sarah, Mary, and Benjamin, bap. Oct. 26, 1766; Samuel, Feb. 15, 1767; Sarah, Sept. 3, 1769; William, Oct. 6, 1771; Abigail, Jan. 9, 1774; William, July 19, 1778; Betsey, Dec. 3, 1780.

*Samuel*, m. (Salem Rec.) Nov. 27, 1808, Eunice Cheever.

*Sally*, m. (Salem Rec.) Nov. 18, 1792, William Pitman.

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*Betsy*, m. (Salem Rec.) Oct. 9, 1806, Benjamin Hale;  
*Mary*, m. in 1781, John Kehoo (who was lost at sea).

**151** BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of BENJAMIN (150), m. June 27, 1784, Rebecca Stevens.

CHILDREN (From Coll. Essex Ins.) Salem bap. First Church: Edward Lister, bap. July, 1786; Benjamin, bap. May, 1788.

**152** JOSEPH<sup>5</sup> MOSES, son of ELEAZER (149), m. Nov. 8, 1767, Hannah Kimball.

CHILDREN (from Coll. Essex Ins.,) Salem baptisms: Joseph, May 28, 1769; John, Feb. 3, 1771; Hannah, Dec. 27, 1772; Thomas, July 10, 1774; "3 children of Joseph," in June, 1782; "child of Joseph," in April, 1783; Samuel, Jan. 22, 1785; Rebecca, August, 1791; Polly, October, 1791. Inscription in burial-ground: Mary, dau. of Joseph and Hannah, d. Aug. 2, 1838, aged 58.

*Rebecca*, m. (Salem Rec.) May 19, 1814, James Norfolk.

The town records of Salem give several Moses names, some of which cannot be properly connected. They are as follows:

SAMUEL MOSES of Ipswich. (Vol XIII, Essex Ins., mentions sale of land to him, 1684.) Probate inventory, in 1691, shows property amounting to £132. In 1706, there was an agreement between Grace Stevens (*alias* Moses), widow of Samuel Moses, and Hannah Allen (*nee* Moses), wife of John Allen, and Mary Moses, only surviving children of Samuel Moses. In 1709, there is a set-off of dower.

JOSEPH MOSES and Tamsin Beans, m. July 27, 1699. (Coll. Essex Ins.) Salem bap. in North Church, Dec. 27, 1742, Hannah, dau. of Joseph.

CHILD: Hannah, m. (Salem Rec.) April 21, 1793, James Crowell.

SARAH MOSES, m. Sept. 18, 1740, Peter Cheever.

SARAJI MOSES, m. Feb. 1, 1767, Joseph Allen.

SARAH MOSES, m. Nov. 4, 1778, Edward Dutton.

NABBY MOSES, m. June 9, 1795, Moses Yell.

DELIVERANCE MOSES (widow), m. Dec. 4, 1799, John Robertson.

MARTHA W. MOSES, m. Sept. 5, 1858, James El. Chipman.

REBECCA MOSES (widow), m. Moses Yell, Sept. 12, 1813.



EUNICE MOSES, m. Samuel Balch, Aug. 27, 1819.

CORNELIUS MOSES (mariner), of Salem; estate probated in 1831.

MARY MOSES, "single woman, late of Salem;" estate probated in 1838. Henry Moses of Portland, Me., administrator, certifies that he is a brother of Mary Moses, and legal representative of Samuel Moses, deceased (a brother of said intestate). The property is divided, one part to Henry and one part to representatives of Samuel Moses. On Aug. 28, 1838, a receipt is filed, signed by Naum L. Lund and Mary Moses Lund for one-half of the estate. A careful search of the records of Salem revealed the name of no other Moses since 1838. As will be noted, the last of the Salem branch appears to have resided in Portland, Me.



## CHAPTER V.

## JOHN MOSES OF PORTSMOUTH, N. H., AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

In searching the earliest records of the sparsely settled New England of 1640 to 1650, we find the uncommon name of John Moses making its appearance about the same time in different colonies, and naturally the theory is evolved that the two men bearing the same name must have been closely related. It will be seen, however, from the facts and circumstances that herein follow, that it is extremely improbable that they were of the same family. John Moses of Plymouth was by tradition a Welshman, was a shipwright, and was apparently a Churchman among Puritans; while John Moses of Portsmouth was a Scotchman, an agriculturalist, and a Puritan among Churchmen. For a better understanding of the general surroundings connected with the founder of the New Hampshire branch, historical quotations are given:

From Brewster's *Rambles About Portsmouth* it appears that Portsmouth was first settled in 1623 by the Laconia Company, and that the "most interested and active men of the Company were Sir Ferd. Gorges and John Mason." That a "Manor house" was erected at "Odiornes Point," that between "three and four thousand acres" were "attached to this branch of the plantation," and that "the provisions of the grant were ample for carrying out the idea of the proprietors, which was to establish a Manor here agreeably to the English custom, the occupants of the land to be held as tenants by the proprietors of the soil." The company had agents to manage the colony, and from Doyle's *English in America* we learn that, "in 1638, there were in the Colony more than 40 horses, 100 cattle, 200 sheep, 54 goats, 22 cannon, 250 small arms, 48 boats for fishing, 50 workmen, and 8 Danes to overlook saw mills and make potash. also 22 women were among the settlers . . . . also in the inventory, a set of Church furniture. This makes it likely Mason was a zealous Anglican." . . . . After the division of territory between Gorges and Mason and the



death of Mason in 1634, "the settlement was now free to shape its own course. The colonists either elected Williams governor or acquiesced in his continuance in office." Five years later it is recorded that "Williams the Governor, Ambrose Gibbons Assistant, and 18 others, have built a chapel and parsonage and endowed them with 50 acres of glebe, and have elected two church wardens and an incumbent."

From Lechford's *Plain Dealing*, published January 17, 1641:

"At Northam *alias* Pascattqua is Master Larkham pastor. One Master H. K. (Knowles) was also lately minister there. The two fell out about baptising children, receiving of members, burial of the dead. . . . And further Master Larkham flying to the Magistrate, Master K. and a Captaine raised arms. Master K. going before the troope with a Bible upon a poles top, and he or some of his party giving forth that their side were Scots and the other English. . . . Master K. and the Captaine, their leaders, were fined £100 apiece which they were not able to pay."

From what we learn later on in the history of the colony, it is quite probable that the Scotchman, John Moses, was of Master Knowles' party.

Through transfers of the colonial grant, George Cleeve and Richard Tucker claimed and held a disputed agency and jurisdiction over certain lands. Gov. Winslow of Plymouth writes to Gov. Winthrop of Mass., in 1644: "Rigby has good hap to light on two of the arrantest known knaves that ever trod the New England Shore to be his agents in Cleeves and Morton. . . . In 1645, Cleeves was exercising jurisdiction at Casco." From *Portland in the Past* is also quoted: "On June 8, 1637, Gorges gave Cleeves a commission for the letting and settling all or any part of his lands or islands lying between Cape Elizabeth and the end of Sagadahock River, and so up the main land 60 miles."

With this introduction, we come to the first historical mention of John Moses of Portsmouth or Pascattqua, as it was then called.

In folio 1 of York Deeds is the record of a grant which places the date of John Moses' settlement in the colony at least as far back as 1639. The document is interesting from its quaintness, and is given in full:

"Witness these presents that We Geo Cleeve and Richard Tucker of Casco Bay in New England gentlem for and in consideration of Seaven yeares Service as an apprentice pformed vnto vs by John Moses now of



Puchataw River we have given granted & conformed vnto him the s<sup>d</sup> John Moses his heires and assigns one hundred acres of land In Casco bay lyng & next Adjoyning vnto the land formerly granted vnto Geo Lewis by vs wch s<sup>d</sup> hundred acres of land is to begin at the side of the Lott of the s<sup>d</sup> Geo Lewis & soe to runne westwardly by the side of the bay one hundred pooles in length and eighty seaven pooles in breadth vnto the main land vntill the sayd hundred acres be ended together with see much marsh ground as belongeth to every hundred acres of land in the grant or deed granted to the s<sup>d</sup> Geo Cleene and Rich<sup>d</sup> Tucker in consideration of the yearly rent of 28 and 2 days work to be payd unto the longest liver of them or their assignes & during the term of nineteen hundred yeares to be fully compleated and ended. To have and to hold all the s<sup>d</sup> lands and premises vnto him the s<sup>d</sup> John Moses his heires and assigns during ye s<sup>d</sup> term of & from thent to whom it shall belong vpon ye decission between them for the rent aforesaid for all services w<sup>t</sup>souer and he the s<sup>d</sup> Geo Cleene & Rich<sup>d</sup> Tucker do further promise vnto him the s<sup>d</sup> John Moses that wee or one of us will at all times hereafter make further assurance of the s<sup>d</sup> lands & puises herein specified vnto him the s<sup>d</sup> John Moses his heires & assigns as shall be requisite for the further conformacion of the same according to ye counsell learned in the laws.

In Witness whereof we have herevnto set our hands & sealcs the sixth day of Aprill in the yeare 1646.

Memoranda. That ye two days work inserted in the deed is exempted & clearly taken off.

In the presence of

Jno Danis

Dav. J M Easter "

Geo Cleene (seal)

Richard Tucker (seal)"

In the introduction to the printed volume of *York Deeds* it is stated that "all of the Gorges lands were to be granted on the feudal plan." From *Portsmouth Records*, by Frank W. Hackett, we quote from page 31: "town meeting list of January, 1648 . . . land granted to Robert Davis a lot on Saggamore Creek, next point west of John Moysis." Page 20: "Jan. 13, 1652, granted to John Moysis 15 acres." Page 23: "On Dec. 5, 1653, to John Moysis 5 acres." Brewster's *Rambles*, page 27, gives the record of a distribution in 1660 of lands to "all such as were reputed inhabitants and free comyners unto the year 1657." In this distribution or confirmation of titles, John Moses received 83 acres. Brewster also gives the subscribers, 1658 to 1666, to "maintenance of ye minister." The first name on the list is John Moses. In the *Prov. Papers of N. H.*, Vol. I, p. 285, John Moses appears in 1665 as one of the signers of a petition favoring the jurisdiction of Massachusetts over New Hampshire. He is mentioned several times



in the early histories as Sergt. Moses, and he may have been sent over as a soldier by Sir Ferd. Gorges, who was of high military rank in England. Brewster's *Rambles* gives a plan of the seating in the meeting-house in 1693. The first of the three seats "under the pulpit" is assigned to "Sergt. Moses," . . . "In the mens gallery fronting the pulpit" is "Aron Moses." . . . In the "women's seat in the gallery," "Aron Moses wife."

Aaron Moses and Sarah Moses were children of John Moses. Concerning them and their descendants, quotations from histories are given: From Brewster's *Rambles*, "Timothy Waterhouse early in 1700 married a Miss Moses." "Ruth, daughter of Henry Sherburne, born in 1680, married Aaron Moses 1677." The original will of the "widow of Aaron Moses," dated in 1732, now in the possession of the Moses family at Portsmouth, and personally examined by the writer, shows that her name was "Mary," and that she had married for a second husband John Sherburne. The *New England Hist. and Gen. Register*, Vol. XVII, p. 253, states that "Ruth Sherburne married Aaron Moses of N. H., June 1, 1676;" also another history uses the same language, evidently taken from some record. There is no other conflicting entry showing the marriage of a Ruth Sherburne, while we find that Ruth's sister Mary married a Richard Sloper. Furthermore, the John Sherburne who married the widow Moses was a brother of Ruth and Mary Sherburne. From the record, it may be assumed that Aaron married first Ruth, a daughter of Henry Sherburne, and from the will of his widow, we infer that he had a second wife named Mary, family name unknown. A grandchild of Aaron was named Ruth. Brewster mentions that Henry Sherburne was descended from a noble family in England and came to Portsmouth in 1631, and on page 55 of his *Rambles About Portsmouth* he states as follows: "Henry Sherburne of Pascataway may have been a papist; he was church warden of our Church of England Chapel in 1640; is spoken of by Winthrop, in the only document left of the town records burnt by the Bay Puritans in the civil wars, when the church was broken up and they re-annexed Maine and New Hampshire to their empire. It would look as if he turned Puritan in the civil wars and went to meeting, and wouldn't again after the king was brought back." On page 161 is given a list of the tax-payers of 1727, among whom are James Moses, Mark Moses, Josiah Moses, and Joseph Moses. On page 176: "At the siege of



Louisburg in 1745. Col. Nath. Meserve rendered essential service in constructing sledges for cannon. . . . In 1749 he was commissioned by the British Government to build a ship of war of 50 guns, called the *America*. The ship was built near where the present Raynes shipyard now is. As the bridge was not then constructed, it may have been built in the rear of the Moses house." Page 196: "Among those who have kept their first localities for over 200 years are the Odeorne, Pickering, Moses, Whidden, and other families." Page 206: "Next on the south of the creek comes the farm of James Moses, which has been in the family for two centuries." Page 215, Association Test. August 14, 1776: "We, the subscribers . . . will to the utmost of our Power at the Risque of Our Lives and Fortunes with arms oppose the Hostile Proceedings of the British Fleets and Armies agst the United American Colonies." Among signers: "Thomas Moses, Theodore Moses, Saml. Moses, James Moses, Nadab Moses, John Moses, Aaron Moses." Brewster gives two entire chapters of his book to sketches and anecdotes concerning Joseph, Samuel, and Thomas Moses. In Volumes VII to XXXVII of the *New England Hist. and Gen. Register*, are given items concerning many of the New Hampshire branch of the Moses family. In the State Library at Concord, N. H., may be found a creditable book of Poems by Thomas Moses of Portsmouth.

In passing through Portsmouth on a business trip in 1889, the writer visited the old homestead of the Moses family. It is located near the suburbs of the city on the Sagamore Creek, and can only be reached by a private road. The original "ancestral acres" are yet in the Moses family. A part of the original farm is owned by William Moses, aged 82, whose house was burned in 1884. The home of the first John Moses and the greater part of the first farm is now occupied by Martha J. Moses and her nephew, William E. Rand and family. Every deed and will, even the certificate of the first survey of the land, is in the possession of the family. The present house, though quite old, is the third over the original collar. Although so near the city, it is located in a secluded and picturesque spot. It has been handed down in direct line in the Moses family from John Moses, who is mentioned in the deed of Cleeves and Tucker in 1646, as then located at Portsmouth. The writer believes that, except in the neighborhood of Portsmouth, there are very few instances in the United States where a property



OLD HOMESTEAD—OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY THE MOSES FAMILY 244 YEARS.



has remained continuously in the family name and been occupied by direct descendants of the first proprietor for 244 years. The historical associations of the place and natural beauty of the spot suggested to him the idea of a photograph of the old Moses home- stead on the Sagamore, which he had taken and which is here reproduced. The gigantic old oak beneath which the children of so many generations have played, the grassy slopes, and a rocky bluff overhanging the water, are especial features, and are sure to make a strong and lasting impression on any pilgrim Moses who looks upon the home selected by the first of the New Hampshire line of the Moses name.

Mr. Alfred D. Moses, who died in 1888, had compiled from the family archives a manuscript sketch, a copy of which his widow and her brother, Mr. Joshua S. Moses of Hooperston, Ill., have kindly furnished for publication. With slight changes and added material, it reads as follows:

\* AGREEMENT BETWEEN SART. JOHN MOSES & HIS SON AARON:

This Indenture made ye 6th of January and in ye year of our Lord God One Thousand and six hundred Seventy-nine: Witnesseth yt John Moses of Saggamore Creek commonly so called & in ye county of Dover and Portsmouth & of ye one parte & Ann ye now other partie: unanimously have agreed & by these presents doe fully agree as followeth, Vis: ye sd. John Moses with ye consent of his wife Ann as aforesaid as well severally as joynly hath sett or made over unto their soan Aaron so supposed as aforesaid ye one half of his ye said John Moses, his plantation farm or tenement as houses, outhouses, wood and woods belonging, meadows, marshes, with all and every convenient privilege or priveleges, yt. is, may or shall belong or appropriation to ye said premises: with his stock as followeth: Two oxen, two steers, three years old apiece, three cows, Three heifers, two yearlings and three calfs: to be managed as followeth. Vis. ye sd. Aaron is to manage, prove and improve ye whole of ye said plantation or farm: Receiving for ye same ye one half of ye profits, or increase of ye said land, or chattell, as of corn, hay, wood, for fireing or building, or anything else, shall or may be improved of ye sd John Moses' farm, as aforesaid, it as aforesaid whether growing above or under ground, with half of ye Butter & cheese, ye sd John Moses & his wife Ann as aforesaid to have ye other half, they and every of them to make use of their several parts to their own behoof & benefit, them and every of them, by these presents binding themselves not to sell or dispose of any of ye fore-mentioned commodities, but to acquaint one ye other

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\* The writer found this document of 1679 in fair preservation, and had it photographed, but found that if reduced so as to be printed on a page of this work it could not be read without glasses.



thereof & likewise, ye parties aforesaid for themselves severally & jointly consent & by these presents agree to pay equally all rates, taxes, other or any other publick charges ye one ye one half, & ye other ye other half, according to ye honest intent & meaning of this present instrument or writing: Further ye sd John Mosses with the consent of his wife Ann, they severally & joynly have consented, & by these presents agreed yt after ye decease of ye sd John Mosses ye sd Aaron ye sd John Mosses supposed sonn is to have and injoy ye said farin or tenement wholly to his owne propperty ys behoof & benefit. To have and to hold to him his heirs, executors, Administrators or assigns for ever & ye Sd John Mosses with Ann his wife doe ingage for themselves & either of them, their heirs or either of their heirs, Executors Administrators or assigns: to consolidatt conform & make good ye aforesaid premises, to ye Sd Aaron to have and to hold, to him his heirs or assigns for ever, from all suit or suits, cause or causes in law yt may arise by, from or under them, their heirs or either of their heirs Executors, Administrators or assignes. As witness O E hand & Seales ye day & yeare first above written.

Signed sealed & delivered

in yt presence of

John Sherburn

John \* Mosses his seal ○

& mark

Francis Huckins

Ann A Mosses her seal ○

Thomas Beck

& mark

Polly Walker

Aaron Moses.

It is to be understood yt ye Stock within spoken is to be parted once in three years. It is here to be noted yt through forgetfullness in yt. within premises the vrs forgotten this as all here agree upon by themselves that in this place it shall stand as firm in Law as if it was in the inclusive place yt is as followeth yt Sd Aaron within mentioned is out of his own part as within written to pay unto Sarrah his sister to ye value of five pounds in Currant pay of New England, to be paid in or upon ye marriage of ye said Sarrah as witness our hand ye 7th of January & in yt year One thousand six hundred Seventie nine, as within written.

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Witness, polly Walker

John \* Mosses

mark

Francis Huckins

Aaron Moses

Thomas Beck

Ports<sup>m</sup> In New Hampshire, John Moses and Aaron Moses came and acknowledged the above writing to be their act and Deed before me W<sup>m</sup> Vaughn of the Counsell of Portsmouth

Agreement between Sergt John Moses and his Son Aron Recorded in the Records of Dou<sup>t</sup> Portsmouth 2<sup>d</sup> of Sept. 1681—Book ye 3<sup>1</sup> folio 163 per me Elias Hillman Recorder

(Fac simile of signature of Aaron Moses to above agreement.)

*Aaron Moses*



Copy of the Will of "Mary Sherburn" who was the "widow" of Aaron Moses (Son of John Moses, or John Moysis), and married John Sherburn Oct. 20th, 1720:

In the name of God, Amen. I, Mary Sherburn of Portsmouth in the Province of New Hampshire in New England, "Widow," being aged and infirm, though of a sound disposing mind and memory and not knowing how soon God in his providence may call me from hence, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament

Impromise:—I heartily and sincerely recommend my soul into the hands of the Almighty God that gave it me hoping through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ my Savior and Redeemer he will be graciously pleased to accept of it: and my body to be decently buried at the charge of my Executors hereafter mentioned.

Item 1. I give and bequeath to my sons James Moses, Joseph Moses and Josiah Moses, to each of them a sheep to be delivered them by my Executors.

Item 2. I give and bequeath to my Grand-daughter Mary Moses the daughter of my son Joseph Moses my feather-bed and bedding belonging to it: and my biggest Iron pot.

Item 3. I give and bequeath to my three Grand-daughters, Mary Moses the daughter of my son Joseph, Abigail the daughter of my son Josiah and Mary the daughter of my son James all my silver either wrought into plate or in money, to be equally divided amongst them.

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my four daughters, namely, Martha Moses, Hannah Moses, Abigail Moses and Sarah Scott, all my wearing apparel to be equally divided amongst them.

Item 5. I give and bequeath to my son Mark Moses all my household goods of what kind soever, not heretofore in this my last will disposed of, and also my oldest cow, and one Steer and three hogs: he paying a small debt that I owe to Joshua Pierce, Mrs. Priest and Mr. Thomas Sibron:

Lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my sons James Moses and Joseph Moses to be my Executors to this my last will and testament. Dated this 9th October 1732. Signed, sealed and delivered by Mary Sherburn to be her last will and testament, before us.

Theodore Atkinson

Mary Sherburn

Saml. Sherburn

Margaret X Hickett

The will of James Moses, June 3, 1772, gives to his children: Mary (Melcher), Aaron Moses, Sarah (Wallace), Martha (Stavers), and Ruth (Seavey), each twenty shillings; also, to his son, John Moses, one piece of land lying in Portsmouth,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre, on which John Moses' house and barn stands, and another piece,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre, occupied by John Moses; also the pasturing of a cow during the lifetime of John Moses on other lands of the estate. All the rest



of the estate, real and personal, is given to his grandson Nadab, son of Aaron Moses, who is also executor.

The will of James Moses (2d), Feb. 12, 1861, gives to his children, Dorothy M. Rand, Eliza M. Odiorne, William Moses, Samuel W. Moses, James Moses, 4th, and Mary B. Wendell, each one hundred dollars; also to his children and to his grandson, William E. Rand, all the personal estate not given to his daughter, Martha J. Moses, and grandson, William E. Rand, to be equally divided among them all; to his daughter, Martha J. Moses, and grandson, Wm. E. Rand, the residue of estate, real, personal, and mixed in equal proportions, they, in equal proportions, to pay the legacy of \$600, divided among six of his children. His son, Samuel W. Moses, is appointed executor.

#### FIRST GENERATION.

Among the first "planters" that came to the Piscataqua was JOHN MOYSIS (or Mosses) a Scotchman by birth; he settled on the south side of Sagamore Creek, taking up 42 acres of land, running back towards Bellahac Brook, to which was added by vote of the town, Feb. 3, 1660, 43 acres more, on the town record of March 30, 1664: "Land laid out to John Mosses, four score and five acres" by "Sherburn and Cotton," Surveyors. He was a Deacon in the first church in the town. On the town record of 1658, at a meeting called to raise subscriptions for the maintaining of the ministry, he heads the paper with one pound. He had the title of "Sergeant;" from whence he derived it we know not. From old papers we find that his wife's name was "Ann," that they had two children, Aaron and Sarah. In the agreement made between "John Moses and his son Aaron," Aaron is to pay to his sister Sarah on her marriage five pounds: This, we presume, was to be her marriage portion.

#### SECOND GENERATION.

AARON MOSES, son of John, was b. at Sagamore Creek. Brewster, in his *Rambles*, says he was m. in 1677 to Ruth, daughter of Henry Sherburn; she was b. June 3, 1660. His widow's given name, written in her will, is "Mary." (We believe the "Ruth" to be an error.—A. D. M.)

There is no record of his death. The Town Tax-book of the year 1713 shows that the "Old Homestead" was taxed to the



"Widow Moses" and her son James. From town and provincial papers it appears that he was a public man, having held a number of offices in the town and State. He was Lieutenant in Capt. Tobias Langdon's company, and was one of the members of a court martial called by Gov. Usher at New Castle, Sept. 29, 1696.

CHILDREN were: James, Joseph, Josiah, Mark, Martha, Hannah, Abigail, and Sarah.

SARAH MOSES, daughter of John, was b. at Sagamore Creek. Brewster, in his *Rambles*, says: "About a third of a mile north of the Old Ham Mansion-house, on the Point, (Freeman's Point, North Portsmouth,) between the great elm and the shore, in a grove, is the cellar of the house of Timothy Waterhouse, the tanner. . . . His wife was Miss Moses." (From tradition, and what I heard from my Grandmother, this Miss Moses was Sarah, of Sagamore Creek, she being the only Miss Moses in or at Portsmouth at that time.—A. D. Moses.)

### THIRD GENERATION.

JAMES MOSES, son of Aaron, was a farmer and cordwainer; born and died on the old homestead. He bought of his brothers and sisters all the title they had to their father's (Aaron Moses) estate. Jan. 7, 1728, he was received in the church. He m. Sept. 10, 1713, Martha Jaxon.

*Children.* (Ch. Rec.) were: Mary, John, Aaron, Sarah, Martha, Ruth, Joseph.

JOSEPH MOSES, son of Aaron, b. at Sagamore Creek, was a house-joiner. Brewster, in his *Rambles*, says the Doctor was a native of England; in this he was in error; he was a brother of James, Josiah, and Mark.

[“Oft when I was a child have heard my grandmother and father tell of his eccentric humor. He was a brother to my grandfather's grandfather, James Moses. Their mother, after the decease of her husband (Aaron Moses), married John Sherburn; they lived on the Rye road, near the Rye line (separating Rye and Portsmouth), in a field now owned by the heirs of Michael W. Tucker. The old cellar is still visible, about one-third of the way from ‘Sherburn's Well’ to Tucker's barn (on Rye line). The line runs southwest from Samson's Point on Sagamore Creek to



Bellahack Brook, and the above-mentioned place is on the Rye side of the line."—*A. D. Moses,* }

From *New Eng. Gen. Register*, Vol. XXII: "Joseph Moses m. Rebecca Ayres, Aug. 17, 1712." From Ch. Rec.: "Hannah, daughter of Joseph (Dr. Joe) and Hannah Moses, bap. Oct. 26, 1729" (from which we conclude he may have had a second wife).

JOSIAH MOSES, son of Aaron, was a tanner; was a constable 1736; m. Abigail ——.

*Children* (Ch. Rec.): George, bap. June 3, 1722; Daniel, bap. Mar. 21, 1728.

MARK MOSES, son of Aaron, was a farmer and cordwainer; moved to Epsom, N. H. From *N. Eng. Hist. Reg.*, it appears he m. Martha Williams, Oct. 29, 1724.

*Children* (Church Rec. of Portsmouth): Elizabeth, b. June 1, 1729; other children, (family record,) Samuel, Aaron, William, Sylvanus, James, and a daughter.

SARAH MOSES, daughter of Aaron, m. 1714, Sylvanus Scott, an Englishman and a weaver. The house in which they lived was situated in what is known as "Scott's Orchard," then a part of the Moses homestead (and later belonged to Michael W. Tucker, then his heirs, and now, 1889, to John W. Johnson, who purchased the same from the Tucker heirs).

March 9, 1732, they conveyed to James Moses (her brother) all the title they had to her father's effects, and removed to Scarborough, from thence to Machias, in Maine.

*Children* (from Ch. Rec. of baptisms): Sarah, 1716; Amos, 1718; Frances, 1720; Samuel, 1723.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

MARY MOSES, daughter of James and Martha J., m. John Melcher, a weaver.

JOHN MOSES, son of James and Martha J., b. at Sagamore Creek, and was a shipwright by trade. In 1786 he sold the land his father gave him in the old homestead to Nadab Moses (his nephew), for 18 pounds, his real estate comprising the original two pieces of land.\* and moved with his family to Epsom, N. H.

\*The piece where his house was, has always retained the name of "Uncle Johnnie's garden"; the other as the "Big Pen." A large old apple tree now stands where once stood Uncle Johnnie's house, and each year furnishes a bountiful supply of sweet apples.—*J. S. Moses, 1889.*



*Prov. Papers:* The above-mentioned John Moses was with Capt. Nat. Meserve in the Crown Point expedition.

AARON MOSES, 2d, son of James and Martha J., bap. (Ch. Rec.) June 14, 1719.

From tradition, I should say he was the true type of a Moses. He was a shipwright; was at the siege of Louisburg in 1745 with Col. Nat. Meserve; and after his return worked for Meserve on a ship of war, the *America*. He seems to have possessed many of his Uncle Joe's eccentricities. His wife's maiden name was Fernald; they had three children—one son, Nadab, two daughters, Molly and Dorothy. Tradition says he was to have two sons, one to be called Nadab, the other Abihu; the last-named failed to put in an appearance.

SARAH MOSES, daughter of James and Martha, bap. Sept. 10, 1721; m. Samuel Wallace of Rye (Wallace Sands, Rye Beach).

*Children:* Sarah (Seavey); Hannah (Marden); Mary, (Tucker); Abigail (m. Nadab Moses her cousin); Samuel, Jr. (m. Parsons); Elizabeth (Jennings); Martha (Langmaid).

MARTHA MOSES, daughter of James and Martha J., bap. Aug. 14, 1726, m. Bartholomew Stavers, an Englishman; she d. Feb. 19, 1792. She was the mother of Capt. Wm. Stavers of Portsmouth.

RUTH MOSES, daughter of James and Martha J., bap. May 3, 1730; m. William Seavey of Rye; d. 1798, in Chichester, N. H.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

NADAB MOSES, son of Aaron Moses, 2d, b. in Portsmouth (near south mill dam), in 1749. At about 8 years of age he went to live with his grandfather (James Moses), at Sagamore Creek, and by his grandfather's will he became heir to the Old Homestead. He m. Jan., 1776, Abigail Wallace (his cousin), his father and her mother being children of James and Martha J. Moses; was made a deacon in the old South Church, Portsmouth, in 1785; d. and was buried at the Homestead, Sagamore Creek, Jan. 21, 1792.

*Children:* Martha J., b. in 1777; James Moses, 2d, b. Jan. 21, 1779, d. Dec. 11, 1863; Aaron, 3d, bap. April 1, 1781, d. Dec. 30, 1831; Samuel and Sarah, twins, b. 1783; Elizabeth, b. May 12, 1785; Levi, b. Aug. 20, 1787, d. July 15, 1863; Dorothy, d. in infancy.



MARY MOSES, daughter of Aaron Moses, 2d, bap. Aug. 22, 1736, d. at Sandwich, N. H.; she m. Mar. 17, 1778, Daniel Moulton of Rye, N. H.

*Children* (Ch. Rec.): Polly, bap. Jan. 17, 1799, m. Dan Skinner.

DOROTHY MOSES, daughter of Aaron Moses, 2d, m. Amos Beck, Portsmouth, Oct. 4, 1764; she died of small-pox.

*Children*: Henry, of Goshen, N. H.; James, bap. 1772; Catharine, m. Nath. Walker; Aaron, bap. 1767; Molly, bap. 1777; Abigail, bap. 1780.

#### SIXTH GENERATION.

MARTHA J. MOSES, daughter of Nadab, m. Billy Rand of Rye, N. H.

*Children*: Samuel M., m. Dorothy (his cousin); Sarah, m. William Hall; Levi M., unm.

JAMES MOSES, 2d, son of Nadab, m. 1803, Mary Odiorne of Rye, N. H. Lived and died on the Old Homestead (at Sagamore Creek), which he inherited from his father, Nadab, by will.

*Children*: Dorothy, b. Jan. 9, 1804; Eliza B., b. July 9, 1805; William, b. Feb. 24, 1807; Mary Ann, b. April 3, 1809; Samuel W., b. April 10, 1811; James, 4th, b. July 14, 1813; Mary B., b. June 3, 1816; Martha Jaxon, b. May 28, 1818.

AARON MOSES, 3d, son of Nadab, lived in Portsmouth, was a house and ship joiner; m. (1st) Ruhama Mason of Rye; she d. Sept. 15, 1819, aged 34; m. (2d) Mary V. Floyd, on Nov. 17, 1820.

*Children* (by his 1st wife): Mary, b. Aug. 11, 1807; Aaron, 4th, b. Jan. 21, 1809, d. 1849; James, 3d, b. 1811; Leonard, b. 1814, d. 1857; Abigail W., b. 1818. (By second wife): Thomas F., b. 1821; Susan, b. 1823; Caroline, b. 1825; Charles, b. 1827; Elvira, b. 1829; William, b. 1831.

ELIZABETH MOSES, daughter of Nadab, b. at Sagamore Creek, May 12, 1785, d. May 6, 1876, aged 90 y. 11 m. 24 d., she being the last of the sixth generation of the "Nadab" branch of the Moses family. She married Michael W. Tucker (a cousin).

*Children*: Mary W., Adeline, Elizabeth, Joseph, Charles, Edward, Abigail M., Martha, James M., and Susan.

LEVI MOSES, son of Nadab, was a house and ship joiner, was kind hearted and genial, and known to all as "Uncle Levi;" m. Jan. 16, 1813, the "widow" Elizabeth Jackson.



*Children:* Edward, Alfred Davis, Henry Jackson, Sarah Elizabeth, Mary Abby, Martha Ann, Levi, Jr., Angelia Streeter, and Sarah Elizabeth.

#### SEVENTH GENERATION.

DOROTHY MOSES, daughter of James 2d and Mary Moses, b. Jan. 9, 1804; m. Samuel M. Rand, of Rye.

*Children:* Albert, James, William E., Amos, Abbie, Henry, Charles W., and Martha S., all of whom are married.

MARTHA J. MOSES, daughter of James 2d and Mary Moses, b. May 28, 1818.

ELIZA B. MOSES, daughter of James 2d, b. July 8, 1805; m. Simeon Odiorne.

*Children:* Mary, Elizabeth, Martha Ann, and James M.

MARY ANN MOSES, daughter of James 2d, b. April 3, 1809; d. young.

SAMUEL W. MOSES, son of James 2d, b. April 10, 1811, m. Olive Cate.

*Children* lived to grow up: Fred. F., Annie, Ettie, and Samuel W., Jr.

JAMES MOSES the 4th, was the son of James the 2d, and his wife Mary, was b. July 14, 1813; (James the 3d, b. 1811, was the son of Aaron Moses the 3d); James the 4th, m. (1st) Clara Ferguson; they had one child, who d. young; he m. (2d) Louisa Philbrick, who now survives him.

MARY B. MOSES, dau. of James 2d, b. June 3, 1816; m. Henry F. Wendell of Portsmouth.

EDWARD MOSES, son of Levi, b. Oct. 27, 1813; d. May 18, 1864.

ALFRED D. MOSES, son of Levi, b. July 3, 1815; d. Dec. 24, 1888; he m. Julia Ann Moses (a cousin), and they had one child named Clara Abby, b. May 30, 1874. He expended considerable labor in gathering material from the family archives, much of which is included in this sketch.

HENRY J. MOSES, son of Levi, b. June 6, 1817; d. Sept. 30, 1820.

SARAH ELIZABETH MOSES, dau. of Levi, b. June 16, 1820; m. a Mr. Goodrich.



MARY ABBY MOSES, dau. of Levi, b. April 17, 1822; d. Sept. 20, 1863.

MARTHA ANN, dau. of Levi, b. May 15, 1824; d. Feb. 22, 1825.

LEVI MOSES, JR., son of Levi, b. Aug. 17, 1826; d. Sept. 24, 1861.

ANGELIA S. MOSES, dau. of Levi, b. March 27, 1828; d. Aug. 12, 1887.

WILLIAM MOSES, son of James 2d, and Mary Moses, b. at Sagamore Creek, Feb. 24, 1807, is a farmer, and owns part of the Old Homestead, on which he built and resided from the time of his marriage in 1831 until his buildings and their contents were destroyed by fire, May 12, 1884, after which he bought a small place on Sagamore Road, about one mile from the Old Homestead, where he now (1889) resides. He m. Abigail Atwood Seavey, dau. of Joshua Seavey, who was the son of Paul and Sarah (*nee* Wallace) Seavey. Sarah Wallace was the dau. of Samuel and Sarah (*nee* Moses) Wallace; and Sarah Moses Wallace was the dau. of James and Martha (*nee* Jaxon) Moses of Sagamore Creek.

#### EIGHTH GENERATION.

*Children of William Moses:* Julia Ann, b. Dec. 3, 1831; Augusta Olive, b. July 4, 1833; James William, b. Sept. 2, 1835, d. Oct. 21, 1847; George Henry, b. Nov. 29, 1838, d. Sept. 31, 1839; John Edward, b. April 10, 1840, d. Nov. 16, 1847; Clara Abby, b. May 29, 1843, d. July 18, 1846; Joshua Seavey, b. March 26, 1846.

JULIA A., m. Alfred D. Moses, and they had one *child*, Clara Abby, b. May 30, 1874.

AUGUSTA O., m. Wm. W. Seavey of Lee Co., Ill.; they have one *child*, Albion M.

JOSHUA S., m. Hattie L. Bixby of Lee Center, Lee Co., Ill., Feb. 14, 1870, at Amboy, Ill., by the Rev. Geo. H. Wells.

*Child:* Fred. Wallace, b. June 26, 1871, at Lee Center, Ill.

Fred. Wallace of the Ninth Generation is the son of Joshua S., son of William, son of James 3d, son of Nadab, son of Aaron 2d, son of James, son of Aaron, son of John and Ann Moses. Aaron, b. in 1655, was the first, and Joshua S., b. in 1846, was the last Moses born on the old Moses farm.



There was one house burned near where the one built by Nadab Moses now stands. The old family burying ground is just east of the buildings on quite a high point of land overlooking the placid Sagamore. In this burial place now lie the ashes of the past generations of our ancestors, who certainly chose for a home in the wilderness a very picturesque spot.

WILLIAM RAND, son of Saml. M. Rand and Dorothy (Moses) Rand, went to live with his grandfather (James Moses 2d), when quite young and with his maiden aunt (Martha J., daughter of James 2d, and Mary Moses), inherited the old homestead on Sagamore Creek, where they now reside, he having m. Emily Bell of Portsmouth, and reared an interesting family of five children, the youngest of which is now (1889) thirteen years old.

MARTHA J. MOSES, daughter of James 3d and Mary Moses, b. May 28, 1818, is the only one of her father's family who has undertaken to sail out on life's stormy ocean without a mate. She has always lived at the old homestead, and in the same house with the past five generations; namely, her grandmother, Abigail W. Moses, her father and mother, her brothers and sisters, her nephew, and nephew's children.

The present house at the Old Homestead, built by Nadab Moses, is the third house placed over the same cellar.

This we believe to be as nearly a correct record of the Moses family of Sagamore Creek, Portsmouth, N. H., as any one has ever been able to produce; all we know of where the first John Moses came from is from tradition, which says he came from Scotland, and we presume he was among the very first settlers of New Hampshire.—[A. D. M.]

#### DESCENDANTS OF MARK MOSES, THE SON OF AARON, WHO WAS THE SON OF JOHN MOSES OF SAGAMORE CREEK.

MARK MOSES of the third generation, m. Oct. 29, 1724, Martha Williams, and moved to Epsom, N. H. He d. Feb. 2, 1789, aged 86.

*Children:* Elizabeth (Ch. Rec. Portsmouth), b. June 1, 1729; Samuel, b. ——; Aaron, b. 1742, d. at Gilmanston, N. H., Mch. 20, 1816, aged 74; William, b. ——; Sylvanus, b. at Epsom, Aug. 25, 1754; James, b. Feb. 27, 1758, d. Aug. 17, 1819; another daughter, name unknown.



## FOURTH AND SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS.

**SYLVANUS<sup>4</sup>** MOSES, son of Mark<sup>3</sup>, m. Aug. 22, 1776, Mariam Young of Dauville; served in the war; was at White Plains under Capt. Emery for nine months: after his discharge settled on farm next his brother James.

*Children:* Sarah, John, Joseph, David, Mariam, Joshua, Elijah, Polly.

*Sarah*<sup>5</sup> lived at Epsom; m. Richard Locke; and had children.

*John*<sup>5</sup> lived in Chichester; m. Susan French of Stratham; had four sons, all dead.

*Joseph*<sup>5</sup> lived in Concord; m. Lydia Gould of Amesbury, Mass.; had eleven children, none living.

*David*<sup>5</sup> lived in Stewardstown; m. Hetty Rand of Epsom; had five children, one living.

*Mariam*<sup>5</sup>, m. Mark French of Epsom; had two sons, both deceased.

*Josiah*<sup>5</sup>, m. Hannah Downs of Berwick, Me.; settled in Allenstown; had eight children, none living; he d. in Pittsfield.

*Elijah*<sup>5</sup>, m. Ruth Parker of Lyman; had six children, none living.

*Polly*<sup>5</sup>, m. Robert S. Cochran of Pembroke; settled in Deerfield; had one child, Sallie T. Cochran who was b. Feb. 3, 1814, and who m., in 1835, Samuel Brown of Epsom, and had *children*: Sarah M.<sup>7</sup> (Fowler), Robert C.<sup>7</sup>, Thomas M.<sup>7</sup> (was a soldier, d. 1865), Walter H.<sup>7</sup>.

**SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>** MOSES, son of Mark, was the eldest son; settled in Meredith; m. twice; his first wife—a Weeks—had several children; the eldest son was Samuel, d. 1847.

**SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>** m. Mary Trickey.

*Children:* Thomas<sup>6</sup> (dead), Willis<sup>6</sup>, James E., lives in Haverhill; Elizabeth C. (Haines), lives in Concord.

**WILLIS<sup>6</sup>** MOSES, son of Samuel, m. (1st) 1875, Maria Staples; and (2d) 1887, Susan E. Griffin.

*Children:* Charles H., George A., Elizabeth.

**JAMES<sup>4</sup>** MOSES, son of Mark, settled on the home place at Epsom; m. Mch. 9, 1780, Elizabeth Sherburne of Northwood.

*Children:* Mark, b. Jan. 19, 1781, d. Mch. 11, 1811; James, b. Jan. 7, 1783, d. Oct. 30, 1812; Jane, b. Oct. 9, 1784; Betsey S., b. Dec. 15, 1786; Mary, b. Nov. 28, 1788, d. Dec. 2, 1864; Sarah, b. Aug. 27, 1792.

**MARK<sup>5</sup>** MOSES, son of James, m. June 19, 1802, Betsey Cate.

*Children:* Joseph J., b. Oct. 30, 1803, d. Mch. 30, 1889; Dearborn B., b. Aug. 3, 1805, d. Aug. 23, 1881; Mark S., b. July 7, 1808, d. Jan. 4, 1865.



JOSEPH J.<sup>6</sup> MOSES of Manchester, N. H., son of Mark<sup>5</sup>, m. Apr. 9, 1829, Hannah Cate.

*Children:* Elizabeth S.<sup>7</sup>, who m. Mech. 29, 1857, Sherburn D. Cass of Byfield, Mass.; and has child Myrtle E., b. Jan. 19, 1866, m. Aug. 3, 1889, to D. H. Hill.

DEARBORN B.<sup>6</sup> MOSES of Epsom, son of Mark, m. Feb. 13, 1839, Sally H. Locke.

*Child:* Sarah L., b. Nov. 25, 1841; m. June 19, 1869, James H. Tripp. *Her child:* Walter H., b. Apr. 24, 1875.

MARK S.<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of Mark, m. (1st) May 29, 1835, Elvira Dolbear; (2d) Jan. 1, 1854, Mary A. Towle.

*Children:* John M., b. Aug. 2, 1855; lives at Northwood Ridge, N. H.; Cyrus S., b. Aug. 28, 1860, d. Apr. 30, 1864.

JAMES<sup>5</sup> MOSES, son of James, m. Feb. 26, 1817, Betsey Chesley.

*Children:* Hannah P., b. Sept. 25, 1807, d. Jan. 27, 1885; Lucinda —.

HANNAH P.<sup>6</sup> MOSES, dau. of James; m. May 5, 1825, Benjamin L. Locke.

*Children:* Lucinda M., Henrietta C., Almira E., James L., Marianna J., Ann L., Adela A., Sarah M., W. F. Estes.

BETSEY<sup>5</sup> MOSES, dau. of James, m. Nov. 25, 1807, David Sherburne.

*Children:* William, James Moses, Eliza, David, Sarah Jane Moses, b. Mech. 22, 1821 (m. John S. Cate), William, Mary Ann, Lucinda R.

MARY<sup>5</sup> MOSES, dau. of James, m. May 26, 1814, John Morrison.

*Children:* John, b. May 30, 1815 (m. Mehitable Bartlett); James, Betsy, Jane (m. James Knowlton).

SARAH<sup>5</sup> MOSES, dau. of James, m. Nov. 8, 1814, John Lake.

*Children:* Moses, Aaron, James, Mary J., Sarah A., Lovina S., Orlando H., Elmira E.

AARON<sup>4</sup> MOSES, son of Mark<sup>3</sup>, m. about 1765, Dorothy Sanborn, who d. at Gilmanton, N. H., June 1820, aged 75.

*Children:* William, d. at Gilmanton, Feb. 21, 1825, aged 51, George, Abiather, Aaron, and probably a daughter, Susan.

George<sup>5</sup> had a son named Dyer.

Abiather<sup>5</sup> had sons, John, William, and Sanborn (who moved to Iowa); also dau. Olive, who m. her cousin, Nathaniel Moses, son of William.



WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> MOSES, son of Aaron<sup>4</sup>, m. Oct., 1797, Susan Boynton, b. at Rowley, Mass., and d. Apr. 17, 1856, aged 83.

*Children* (all b. at Gilmanston, N. H.): Charles, b. Feb. 22, 1799, d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., May 13, 1866; Nathaniel, b. May 24, 1801, d. at Campton, N. H., June 20, 1886; Susan, b. June 19, 1803, d. at Gilmanston, Oct., 1805; Aaron, b. July 4, 1805, d. at Hackensack, N. J., Sept. 24, 1883; David Boynton, b. Sept. 29, 1809; Hiram W., b. Jan. 6, 1812; John M., b. Jan. 6, 1812, d. at Flemington, N. J., June 12, 1877; William, b. May 7, 1814.

CHARLES<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of William, m. (1st) Apr. 15, 1830, Phebe Wyman; she d. Jan. 17, 1855, at New York; m. (2d) Susan Fox.

*Children*: Charles H., b. at Boston, Mass., Mch. 3, 1831; Elizabeth W., b. July 4, 1834.

CHARLES H.<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of Charles, m. Sept. 15, 1863, Emma J. Ask, who was b. at New York, Oct. 11, 1837.

*Children*: Charles E., b. at New York, Nov. 17, 1872; Henry M., b. Feb. 17, 1875, at Brooklyn, N. Y.

ELIZABETH W.<sup>7</sup> MOSES, dau. of Charles, m. Nov. 25, 1855, Otis B. Davis.

*Child*: Charles O., b. at New York, June 14, 1857.

NATHANIEL<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of William; m. June 13, 1831, Olive Moses, who d. at Campton, N. H., Oct. 23, 1857.

*Children*: Dorothy J., b. Nov. 20, 1834, d. at Franklin Falls, N. H., Jan. 13, 1879; Abigail K., b. June 28, 1839; Olive M., b. Jan. 16, 1842.

DOROTHY J.<sup>7</sup> m. Albert A. Marden.

*Child*: Mabel D., b. at Franklin Falls, N. H., July 28, 1872.

ABIGAIL K.<sup>7</sup> m. Martin Silver.

*Child*: Olivette, b. at Lynn, Sept. 9, 1860, who m. David G. Bartlett.

AARON<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of William, m. Dorothy Rollins.

*Children*: Susan F., b. Apr. 1, 1831, at Campton, N. H., d. Aug. 2, 1883, at Hackensack, N. J.; John M., b. at Pittsfield, N. H., Aug. 16, 1834, d. May 17, 1872.

*Susan F.* m. George N. Brown.

JOHN M.<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of Aaron, m. Ellen M. Brown.

*Children*: Nellie F., b. Aug. 6, 1857 (m. J. P. Story); Dolly M., b. Oct. 20, 1859 (m. Samuel Lozier); Carrie L., b. Jan. 1, 1857 (m. James Black).



DAVID BOYNTON<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of William, after a boy's life on a farm, spent a few years in Boston, then with his brother William came to New York in 1834 and started in the provision business. The firm "D. B. & W. Moses" packed largely in New York and the West, and cured and sold the first bacon that was ever sent to Europe. Three other brothers, Charles, Aaron, and John M., afterwards came to New York and embarked in the same business. David B. retired from active business in 1864, and spends his time between his country seat at Sing Sing, N. Y., and his city home in New York. He m. May 28, 1840, Jeanette A. Campbell, who was b. in 1819, and d. Dec. 20, 1877.

*Children:* Isabel, b. Mech. 6, 1847, at New York; she m. Duplessis M. Helm, who d. Dec. 30, 1889, at New York.

HIRAM W.<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of William, m. Feb. 4, 1835, Lavinia A. Connor; she d. May 15, 1884.

*Children* (b. in Gilmanton, N. H.): Hiram W., b. May 20, 1827; Valeria C., b. Aug. 28, 1838.

Valeria C. m. Oct. 5, 1865, Luther Sargent. *Child:* George J., b. Nov. 19, 1866.

HIRAM W.<sup>7</sup> MOSES, son of Hiram W., m. (1st) May 5, 1860, Elizabeth J. Carr; she d. Nov. 10, 1864; m. (2d) June 30, 1867, Arvilla A. Edgerly.

*Children:* Isadora, b. Dec. 27, 1862 (m. Alvah S. Rand on Oct. 24, 1883); William W., b. May 20, 1873; Susan R., b. Feb. 7, 1878.

JOHN M.<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of William, m. (1st) Olive C. Foss, who d. at New York, Dec. 30, 1865; m. (2d) Mrs. Sarah O. Somerby; she d. at Flemington, N. J., Apr. 28, 1880.

WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> MOSES, son of William, m. Feb. 22, 1844, Susan A. Ranlet, who was b. at Gilmanton, N. H., Apr. 1, 1821.



## CHAPTER VI.

### OTHER EARLY NEW ENGLAND FAMILIES OF THE MOSES NAME.

In the compilation of this work, evidence has been presented showing that there were, previous to the Revolution, other emigrants to New England bearing the Moses name, who also founded families. The few items concerning them which have been gathered, are published for the benefit of their descendants who may wish to make a more thorough investigation. Referring to the last pages of Chapter IV, it is proper here to call attention to SAMUEL MOSES, whose estate was probated in 1691. He was, most probably, closely related to Henry Moses of Salem; was possibly a brother.

The Joseph Moses of Salem, who married Tamsin Beans, was of the generation of Henry's children.

In the *New England Hist. and Gen. Register*, Vol. XXI, we find, among the marriages, births, and deaths, in Dorchester, Mass., "Mary, daughter of THOMAS MOSES, b. May 2, 1665."

As already stated in Chapter II of this work, the detailed and apparently exhaustive histories of Dorchester, in their numerous "lists," give no person of the name of Moses. The stay of Thomas Moses within that town may have been brief. He was of the generation of Henry Moses of Salem and John Moses of Windsor, and was possibly their brother and a son of John Moses of Plymouth, coming with the latter from England to his first landing and temporary home in Massachusetts Bay Colony. The surviving children of Samuel Moses were daughters, and the unconnected Moses names in the list of marriages, at close of chapter, may have been other descendants of Thomas Moses.

In the *New England Hist. and Gen. Register*, Vol. VII, we find, under head of general items, relating to the early settlers of Dover, N. H.: "TIMOTHY MOSES had wife Mary and children, Martha, b. 5 May, 1700; Timothy, b. 2 Sept., 1707." "TIMOTHY had wife and child, Martha, b. 5 May, 1732."



The original papers presented in Chapter V negative any theory that Timothy was descended from John of Portsmouth; neither is the name Timothy perpetuated in the Portsmouth family. It is a little singular that this Timothy appears at Dover at the date that we lose all trace of Timothy (1st), of Windsor. In the *N. H. Prov. Papers*, Vols. IX, XI, and XII, the name of Timothy of Dover appears several times between 1732 and 1787.

William V. and Oliver Moses, formerly ship-builders of Bath, Me., and many other Moses families of Maine and New Hampshire, notably in Portsmouth and Exeter, N. H., are descended from a family of brothers that settled, about the middle of the eighteenth century, in Scarborough, Me. The writer has letters from W. F. Moses of Bath, Me., from Eliza (Moses) Barry (aged 73), of Buxton Centre, Me., and George Moses (aged 83), of Freedom, N. H., who substantially agree on the following table of lineage:

#### FIRST GENERATION.

Three brothers came from England, JOHN MOSES, WILLIAM MOSES, and GEORGE MOSES, or, as one has it, Amos, William, and George; that John or Amos (whichever his name) was a doctor, and returned to England; that William settled in Portsmouth or Exeter, and George in Scarborough, Me. Rufus Moses, now living (1890), at the age of 95, at Cape Elizabeth, Me., states that he was informed that his grandfather George was from the Isle of Jersey.

#### SECOND GENERATION.

GEORGE MOSES of Scarborough was a farmer, and had :

*Children*: Nathaniel, b. Oct. 13, 1758, d. about 1840; Josiah, Daniel, and George.

*Josiah*, m. a Millekin, and lived at Windom, Me.

*Daniel* lived at Windom, Me.

#### THIRD GENERATION.

NATHANIEL MOSES d. in Scarborough, Me.; m. Elizabeth Millekin, who was b. Sept. 10, 1765.

*Children*: Rebecca, b. Dec. 19, 1784; Sarah, b. Dec. 29, 1786; Benjamin, b. Jan. 16, 1788; Elizabeth, b. Dec. 16, 1790; Silas, b. Jan. 16, 1792; Rufus, b. June 28, 1795, and living at Cape Elizabeth, Me.; Hannah, b. Aug. 11, 1798; William V., b. Jan. 30, 1801, d. Dec. 10,



1878; Oliver, b. May 12, 1803, d. Feb. 14, 1882; Phœbe, b. Jan. 25, 1807; Ebenezer, b. Aug. 24, 1809.

**GEORGE MOSES** m. a Harmon.

*Children*: John (m. a Tenderson), Josiah (m. a Whitney); William, Annie, Abigail, Effie.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

**WILLIAM MOSES**, son of George, was b. Oct. 29, 1772, and, according to one account, m. a Rice; according to another, m. Annie Millekin, b. Dec. 31, 1774, and had:

*Children*: Cyrus, Fanny, William, George, b. 1803, living 1889; Horace, Mary, Eliza A., b. Jan. 30, 1817, living, 1889, at Buxton Centre, Me. (m. a Berry); Edward, living, 1889, at Malden, Mass.

**WILLIAM V.** and **OLIVER MOSES** commenced business together about 1825, in Bath, Me. They soon had one of the largest iron foundries of the State. They afterwards commenced ship-building, which they carried on for about forty years, building and sailing their own ships, under the different firm names of W. V. & Oliver, W. V. & Sons, and Oliver Moses & Sons. At one time they owned more shipping than any other concern in Bath.

**WILLIAM V. MOSES**, son of Nathaniel.

*Children*: William F. and Albert T. (twins), living, 1890, at Bath, Me.; Sarah E.; Thomas F., living, 1890, at Urbana, Ohio; Fanny E.; George F. and Alice D., both living at Cape Elizabeth, Me.

**OLIVER MOSES**, son of Nathaniel.

*Children*: Francis O., living, 1890, at Bath, Me.; Galen C., living, 1890, at Bath, Me.; Harriet S. (Knight), living, 1890, at Portland, Me.; Annie P. (Harris), living, 1890, at Portland, Me.; Wealthy C. (Hines), living, 1890, at San Francisco, Cal.

#### FIFTH GENERATION.

**WILLIAM MOSES**, the son of William, living, 1889, at Buxton Centre, Me.

*Children*: Almond, Frank, Mary, Austin, Horace W.

**GEORGE MOSES**, the son of William, living, 1889, at Freedom, N. H.

*Children*: Annie E. (Beach), Mary Jane (Pease), William R. of Freedom, Rose F. (Hayes), George W. of Lynn, Mass., Olen E. of Bradford, Mass.



## SIXTH GENERATION.

HORACE W. MOSES, son of William, lives in Geneseo, Ill.

*Children:* Howard W.<sup>7</sup>, Harry<sup>7</sup>, Nellie<sup>7</sup>, Drusilla<sup>7</sup>.

The writer has failed in his attempts to obtain a connected genealogical line of descent from that William Moses, who settled in Portsmouth or Exeter, probably about 1730 to 1740. Among the Moses names mentioned in the Portsmouth Association Test of 1776 (*Brewster's Rambles, 1st series*), Thomas, Theodore, and Samuel, evidently belong to this line. From the *Rambles* we learn that Theodore and Samuel 2d were sons of Samuel 1st, and on p. 188 is a letter, dated Exeter, 1858, from Theodore Moses in his 93d year. He removed from Portsmouth to Newmarket in 1779, and 8 years thereafter to Exeter. "Samuel, Thomas, and William," petition from Newmarket, in 1785.

JOHN G. MOSES, living, 1889, in Portsmouth, N. H., states that he was b. 1809, his brother William in 1805, and his sisters Abbie, 1810, and Martha (Moses) Twing, in 1811. His father's name was William, and his father had three brothers, Benjamin (father of J. Woodman Moses, now living at age of 79, at Portsmouth), Thomas, and John, also one sister, Mary.

As already remarked, men of the Moses name appear to have responded promptly to the call to arms in all American wars. Among the soldier lists we find the following (Vol. VIII, *Coll. Essex Ins.*) quotation from *George's Almanac* of 1776,—An account of the "bloody battle of Bunker Hill": "Among the killed of the *Provincials*\* was":

"MAJOR MOSES of Holden." Holden is in Worcester Co., Mass., and Major Moses was doubtless descended from one of the Moses families of Salem, who, at an early date, removed from their native town. The same may be said of:

ABRAHAM MOSES, who enlisted March, 1782, under Capt. John Fowle, in the 3d Mass. Regt., and was discharged by Gen. Knox, at New York, in 1784. In June, 1820, he was living in Rutland, aged 59 years. In his family, whom he supported at that time (pension papers) was a daughter, Lydia, aged 22, and a son, John, aged 20. Pensions were also issued to Revolutionary soldiers,

\*The Almanac is authority for the statement that the total loss of the *Provincials* in killed, of field officers at the battle, was one Major-General, one Colonel, two Lieut.-Colonels, and two Majors.



*Daniel Moses*, Col. Marshall's Reg. Mass. line : to Martha, widow of *Josiah Moses*, Mass. line ; and to Polly, widow *John Moses*, Mass. line.

**ISAIAH MOSES** enlisted at Wallingford, Conn., in 1776, in Capt. Bunnell's Co., Col. Douglass' Reg. The regiment was raised from counties west of the Connecticut River.

**JESSE MOSES** enlisted at same time and place.

**JONAS MOSES** enlisted at New Haven in the 6th Conn. Reg., Mar. 10, 1777.

The three names last mentioned probably belong to scions from the Simsbury tree. The Probate Rec. of New Haven, under date of Jan. 3, 1783, mention that Edward Crafts was appointed administrator of the estate of Jonas Moses, late of Derby, Conn.

**JOHN MOSES**, "late of Derby," had his estate administered upon July 2, 1804.

**PHILIP MOSES**. Petition to General Assembly, May, 1810, of Philip Moses and Hesther Frank, for sale of land at Humphreysville (part of old Derby), was acted on by Probate Court.

**HENRY MOSES, MEHITABLE MOSES ET AL.** of Derby. Petition of same for sale of land in New Haven acted on by Probate Court, Jan. 23, 1841.

**JOHN C. MOSES**, soldier of 1st Ill. Reg., in Mexican War. Pension issued to Polly, his widow.

No attempt has been made to make a list of Moses names of soldiers in the War of the Rebellion. Probably not one-fourth of such names entitled to a war record are so entered in this work.



## APPENDIX.



A drawing in colors showing the coat of arms of the MOSES family, of which the above is an India ink copy, was procured by David B. Moses of New York, when making a tour through Europe in 1872, and is accompanied by the usual certificate from Cullerton, an authority on Heraldry, at 25 Cranbourn Street, London. That this blazon or device has considerable antiquity is proved from its description in a work published in 1780 by Joseph Edmonston, *Mowbray Herald Extraordinary*, which reads as follows:

## MOSES

*Gules* — a chevron between three cocks — *Or*

The same description of the "Moses" coat of arms is given in the *Encyclopædia Heraldica*, also in *Burke's Heraldry*, and in *Burke's General Armory of England, Scotland, and Wales*.

From an authority on the subject, we learn that crests were added to coats of arms at a later period, and in *Robson's British Herald*, Vol. II., published in 1830, we find the following:

MOSES — *gules* — a chevron between three cocks, — *Or*

MOSES Crest — a cock reguard — *ppr.*



From Volume III. of same work it appears that the Moses heraldic motto, "*Dum Spiro Spero*" ("While I breathe I hope"), is also the motto of the following named Houses: The Viscount Dillon, Ascotti, Auchmuty, Bannatyne, Compton, Carlton, Sherman, Elrich, Glazebrook, Symonds, Pearson, Thompson, Sharp, and some other families.

In the *Dictionary of Heraldry*, by Coats, published in 1725, and in Evan's *Grammar of Heraldry*, we read:

"The Cock is the emblem of Strife, of Quarrels, of Haughtiness, of Victory, — because he rather chooses to die than yield, for which reason Aristophanes calls him the bird of Mars. Of the Cock, Guillim says as follows: 'As some account the Eagle the Queen, and the Swallow or Wagtail the Lady, so may I term this the Knight of birds, being of noble courage and also prepared evermore to the Battle — having his comb for a helmet, his long hooked bill for a falchion — he hath his legs armed with spurs, giving example to the valiant soldier to expel danger by fight rather than flight. Of all birds he may be best said in Blazon to be armed — that is, thus furnished and prepared to the encounter. Cocks are borne in Coat armor by many families both in England and other parts.' "

The writer has made some attempts to connect the founders of the New England families of the Moses name with their respective ancestors. The short time given to the compilation of this work, and the considerable expense which it was found would be involved, have precluded a thorough examination of the English records. There can be little doubt that John Moses of Portsmouth was a Scotchman. As already stated, there is a strong family tradition that John Moses of Plymouth was a Welshman. The histories of Plymouth make no mention of Scotchmen in that Colony. Several of the vessels bringing emigrants to Plymouth sailed from Bristol\* near the borders of Wales.

\* Bradford's *History of Plymouth*, p. 261 — Mr. Allerton (1630) had taken up some large sums at Bristol at 50 per cent. p. 235 — In 1632 — "Mr. Allerton little regarded his bond, for he carried her" (the ship *White Angel*, bought for the Plymouth Colony at Bristol) "to Bristol again, from whence he intended to set her out again, and so did three times into these parts, as will after appear," p. 371 — in 1632 — "Ship called the *Lyon*" landed at Boston "with 123 passengers, whereof 50 children all in health."

*Prince's Chronicles*. In 1631 — "The *Lion* set sail from Bristol and brought 20 passengers."

*Richard Mather's Journal*. In 1635 — Shipped for New England from Bristol in the *Mary and Bess* — mentions other ships from Bristol for New England — The *Angel Gabriel* and the *James*.



As the nearest considerable shipping port for Welshmen, it is likely that John Moses may have learned or worked at his trade of shipwright at Bristol, and possibly he there made the acquaintance of that John Guy, a party to the lawsuit (see p. 13), and concerning whom there is no other historical record. The Guys were a family of standing and note in Bristol.\* Bayliss' *Memorial Plymouth Colony* mentions a Rev. John Myles, and many of his congregation of Swansea, Wales, as settlers of the town of Swansea, Plymouth Colony. *The Massachusetts Historical Coll., 4th series*, Vol. VI., p. 172, contains a letter of Nov. 28, 1640, from Edward Winslow of Plymouth Colony, to Gov. John Winthrop, in which he states that he has a "friend who has an estate in Wales" (name not stated), and asks advice concerning it. (Gov. Winslow and John Moses were fellow townsmen, of Duxbury, in 1640.)

So far as can be ascertained from any records, John Moses and Ralph Chapman were the only shipwrights of Plymouth Colony during the period between 1640 and 1660. At a time when these men were growing old, another shipwright arrives, and it is a fair presumption that he was a friend and correspondent of John Moses. From Winsor's *History of Duxbury*, we learn that "John Drew, a Welshman and ship carpenter, arrived in Plymouth in 1660, and had five sons, of whom three settled in Plymouth and two in Duxbury." The first purchase of land made by John Moses of Windsor, in 1649, was from Owen Tudor, a Welshman.† In answer to inquiries, Hon. Evan R. Jones, U. S. Consul at Cardiff, Wales, states that "The use of Scripture names as surnames is comparatively common in this Principality; for example: we have families whose surnames are David, John, Joseph, Jeremiah, Jacobs, etc., and, of course, Moses." Concerning the Hon. William Abraham, who has represented the Rhondda District of Glamorganshire, Wales, in Parliament, as a Gladstone Liberal for more than ten

\* In the *State Papers of Great Britain — James I.* we find in a petition for suppression of pirates, a mention, under date of Feb. 28, 1619, of John Guy as Mayor of Bristol. Also, in same papers, that a John Guy was Governor of Newfoundland in 1611. Also, under date of Nov., 1638, that Edwin Guy was a patentee with Gorges and others for New England land grants.

Doyle — *The English in America*, p. 34. Date of 1621 — "Guy, a Bristol merchant, who had under a patent settled a colony in Newfoundland." The name was unusual on this side of the Atlantic, and not preserved in Massachusetts Colonial records, and it seems probable that the John Guy of Lynn, who had dealings with John Moses, may have been connected with the Bristol family of Guys, who, as we have seen, were interested in shipping and colonization.

+ In the *History of Windsor*, by Stiles, it is stated that William Buell and John Owen, also early settlers of Windsor, were Welshmen.



years, he writes that, "Mr. Abraham is a Welshman and speaks Welsh with more fluency than he does English."

Lower's work on *English Surnames*, Vol. I., mentions "Moses" as among the Scripture surnames of England; and in volume II., under the head of *Scottish Family Names*, he writes: "Of old Worthies we have Moses, Joseph, Samuel, Sampson, Daniel, Solomon, Jacob, Amos, Paul, Matthew, Mark, Luke, James, and Peter."

An acquaintance with Mr. D. H. Moses, an official of the St. Paul & Milwaukee Railroad, led to a correspondence with his father, the Rev. John Moses, a Presbyterian clergyman at Mineral Point, Wis. Extracts from his letters are given herewith. The lawsuit concerning the title to estates, which were very likely entailed, and which lawsuit is so clearly described by him, makes it certain that the Moses family of Monmouthshire and Wales is more than five hundred years old. Monmouthshire was once a part of Wales, and Rhymney and Ebbw Vale are on the eastern boundary line of the Wales of modern times.

MINERAL POINT, WIS., July 9, 1889.

To Z. MOSES, Esq.:

Dear Sir:—In reply to your request through my son David, I will answer you as briefly as I can. In the year 1842, there was a test case of the family rights to my grandfather's real estate. He was what is called in the old country, a "State Freeholder." About one hundred years ago he went to law, and to carry that through he raised a mortgage on his estate, and in one way or another he could not redeem it. The estate was in the hands of Brown and Bailey, Ironmasters, in Sirhowy, Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire. In 1842 they were going to dissolve partnership on account of some difficulty among themselves, so they advertised for heirs to come forward to claim the estate. One of my cousins, John Moses, a lawyer from London, came down to Rhymney, Monmouth, to investigate the estate. When Bailey and Brown saw that we were in earnest about our title, they settled among themselves to hold on to the estate at any cost. My cousin the lawyer, searched the records in the County of Monmouth, and found that the estate had been in possession of the Moses family over *five hundred years*, or back to the year 1342, and that the title was good and clear, only that there was a heavy mortgage against it. As we had no money to contend with these wealthy ironmasters, everything was dropped; and so it is to this day.

My grandfather's estate was, as I have said, in Monmouthshire, and in different parishes. His occupation was a farmer. His name was Edmund Henry Moses, a man of sanguine temperament, and so were all of his children. To three of his sons he gave a good education, and he gave



them a good start in life, one a lawyer, another a gunsmith, and the third an ironmonger. Their names were Lewis, William, and Henry. One of them lived in Bristol, England, and the other two went to London, and were there in business on Market Street, and Blackfriars Street, as late as 1850. My uncle John was also in London for thirty years as a gunsmith. He paid us a visit in Rhymney, Monmouth, in 1840. Thomas, David, (my father), and Daniel, were all raised as farmers and after that mechanics. And they are all dead, and all of them but uncle Daniel Moses died in England and Wales. Uncle Daniel came to Canada in 1828, and from there went to Carbondale, Pa., where he was buried about twenty years ago. He has three sons, Ebenezer Moses in Ohio, Daniel in Scranton, and David in Wilkesbarre.

Before closing this letter, I will give an account of my parents. My father died from inflammation of the bowels in Rhymney, in 1844, 48 years of age. He was a very large and strong man; and so was uncle John, the gunsmith, from London. He was almost a giant, weighed 220 pounds when he was eighteen years old. I came to this country, to Carbondale, in 1850, and my wife with me. My mother, four brothers, and one sister, came after me in a few years. My mother was buried seven years ago in Scranton; she was 81. I am the oldest of seven children; was born Sept. 29, 1827; I have been in the ministry 34 years. My second brother, Daniel, lives in Victoria, B. C., and is well off. Evan Moses lives in Columbus, Ohio; his daughter, Miss Emma Theresa Moses, is in Leipzig, Germany, studying music as a pianist and organist. She has been teaching in Governor Foraker's family in Columbus, Ohio. David is in Washington Territory. Edmund, my brother, lives in Scranton, and my sister lives there also.

Yours truly,

JOHN MOSES.

MINERAL POINT, Wis., July 29, 1889.

MR. Z. MOSES, Washington, D. C.:

My Dear Sir:—I have received your last two letters, but happened to be at Monona Lake Assembly, at Madison, Wis., and only returned Saturday night.

My grandfather's estate was in different parishes, which I could not name, except the parish of Bedwelly, in which is Rhymney. . . .

. . . The records may be found in different places. Of births, marriages, and deaths, a good many can be found in the Bedwelly Parish Church, Mon. . . . The principal place for the records of the county is Monmouth. There are some records in the parish church of Gelly Gaer, Glamorganshire; this is very near Bedwelly. Some records may be found in the Episcopal Church of Llandaff, Glamorganshire. These are the only places I can mention now; but I am certain they could also be found in London, because the family lived there up to the year 1850. . . . As to my own family, D. H. is the oldest, 37; Evan, in Milwaukee, 33; Albert, in school, 17; Miriam (Mrs. Bowen), 35; Annie is in Minneapolis, 28. As to the religious sentiments of the Moses family,



they have been connected with the Church of England, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterians; and the same with respect to my own family.

I think our family tree is an honorable one, and will compare with the best I know. We are not all saints, but I think I can say one thing certain, there is not a scoundrel nor a mean man or woman among them for four generations. And most of us are good singers and musicians.

Hoping this will give you an outline of our history, with kind respect,  
I remain, yours,

JOHN MOSES.

In an interview with Morris Moses of Trenton, N. J., who was born in Wales, some particulars concerning his extraction were gathered. He is the son of John Edmund Moses, who with a brother were left orphans, and were taken care of and educated by an uncle, who was an Episcopal minister in Wales. After John Edmund had attained his majority he went to England and married Martha Kirke, near Nottingham, in Lincolnshire. He lived several years in that vicinity as an inn-keeper, and then emigrated in 1830 to Trenton, N. J. After two years he sent for his family. He spoke the Welsh language, and was an Episcopalian. His children (1889) may be recorded as follows: Martha, Mark, and Mary, all deceased; Morris, aged 63; Martin, aged 61; Matthew, aged 56; John, aged 36; Margaret, aged 40.

Had the publication of this book been delayed for several months, it is probable that inquiries set on foot across the ocean concerning the Scotch and Welsh families of the Moses name would have borne fruit.

A Moses family of Scotch origin has long resided in Buffalo, N. Y., and correspondence has been opened by them with relatives in Scotland.

James Moses of Trenton, N. J., is the owner of the great Mercer Pottery Company, is president of the Electric Light Company, of the Villa Park Company, and director in various other trusts and companies in Trenton, N. J. His brother, John Moses, is owner of the Glasgow Pottery Company in the same city; and both brothers are, or have been, wardens of the Episcopal Church.

James Moses writes:

"My father and grandfather were farmers in County Tyrone, North of Ireland. I left home when quite a boy, and before I took much inter-



est in family history, but I understood that my grandfather came from Lanark, above Glasgow, in Scotland. Our family is the only one of the name I ever heard of in Ireland. William Moses of Louisville, Ky. (a son of my father's eldest brother), I think knows more of our family history than I do."

William Moses writes under date of February 24, 1890:

"The writer, William Moses, born in Ulster County, State of New York, was the son of Robert Moses, who was born at Six Mile Cross, County Tyrone, Ireland, who was the son of John Moses, who had an older brother, Robert, who held or inherited some property or titles, which at his death would have come to my grandfather, as his brother left no heirs. There was considerable correspondence about it at the time, as my father was the oldest son of the junior brothers. It seems, or was my understanding at the time, that my father, not being a subject of Great Britain, forfeited his title by descent. This correspondence took place between 1825 and 1830. So I only know from memory, and I was quite small at the time. Personally I do not know anything of this Scotch ancestry; but my grandfather's brother, Robert, inherited something from, or in Scotland. I never heard that he ever lived in Ireland. . . . . I believe that the entire Moses family, or our part of it, held to the creed of the Church of England. I do not know what the occupation of my grandfather and his brother Robert was; but there were merchants, doctors, manufacturers, and farmers in the family, for I have seen some of my uncles and their cousins. My father was of a ruddy blonde complexion, and would pass anywhere for a Scotch-Irishman. I left home in 1834, and have only been a casual visitor to my relations since 1838. I came to Louisville in March of that year. . . . . I once endeavored to get some facts from my oldest brother, who always lived in New York until my father died, and I felt knew more than I did. He went to New Orleans, and died there, so I am the only one living out of eight brothers. I will be 73 years old in April, and the oldest of the kindred that is living."

As the book goes to press a letter is received from a correspondent in Buffalo, N. Y., with enclosure as follows:

Extracts from letter from Miss Jane C. Moses of Glasgow, Scotland, to Miss Anna R. Moses of Buffalo, N. Y.:

113 VICTORIA ROAD, CROSSHILL, )  
GLASGOW, 11th October, 1890. )

We can get no definite information further back than the year 1810. Our grandfather and great-grandfather were then living in Milngavie, a little place about ten miles out of Glasgow.

Our great-grandfather, as far as we can make out, was born about 1760, in a place called Shettleston, about six miles out of Glasgow, in



quite an opposite direction from Milngavie. But how long they were in Shettleston, or where they came from, we cannot find out, nor when or why they left there and went to Milngavie. In those days registers were not kept as they are now. I went to Shettleston and saw the burying-place, but the sexton had no books or registers, so nothing could be found out there. Then I went to the Milngavie cemetery and saw several tombstones with the name of Moses on them, but could not find out who they were or in what relationship they stood to us. There is an estate called *Mosefield* a few miles out of Glasgow, in an opposite direction to either of the two places I have named. I have heard my father and the other members of the family who are now dead say that it belonged to our branch of the family. People of a different name live in it now. We do not know when it went out of the family unless a daughter of the house got or took possession; but we know nothing of a certainty. On one of the stones in Milngavie cemetery a death was recorded of "William Moses of *Mosefield*" in 1797, which shows that the estate must have been in the family at that time. Whether at the death of this William Moses it went out of the family, we have nothing, and can find out nothing to show. By writing to the Register House in Edinburgh, if information can be found anywhere, it will be there.

Extracts from a letter from Mrs. Mary Anne Maud (Moses) Jones, giving further particulars concerning the Moses family of Wales:

GELLIFAHAREN, LLANDYSSIL      }  
CARDIGANSHIRE, SOUTH WALES,      }  
October 20, 1890.      }

MR. Z. MOSES, Washington, D. C.:

Major Jones of Cardiff has written to me, as he has found out my maiden name was Moses, and I fancy and believe I must be a member of the same family as yourself. My late father's name was Edwin Moses. He was a civil engineer, and a son of Moses Moses, Tondu House, Bridgend, Glamorganshire. He (Moses Moses) was a mining engineer and mineral agent to Sir Robert Price, who owned vast estates in that county. My grandfather, Moses Moses, I know hailed from Monmouthshire and Merthyr Tydvil and neighborhood,\* where he spent his younger days.

I am not in a position to tell you whose son he was. My grandfather held an important appointment under Sir Robert Price, and received £1,000 a year with a beautiful house, which fifty years ago was considered a very handsome income. He gave each of his eight children a liberal education, my aunt Jane being a clever historian and an accomplished woman, and my uncles were men of minds. Many years ago two or three of the brothers, my father being one of them, brought out a small book upon the coal basin of South Wales, which proved an authority upon

\* Bradshaw's *Handbook*. "Besides the large and small works in and about Merthyr Tydvil, there are those at Aberdare, Brynmawr, Ebbw-Vale, Tredegar, Rhymney, Siflowy, etc., nearly all seated at the head of valleys and many of them being in the neighboring county of Monmouth, which, though reckoned part of England, is essentially Welsh in its minerals, scenery, and people."



mining matters. My grandfather had a brother named William Moses, who wrote a book of poems called "*Cir-y-Gig*," of course in the Welsh language. Some of his poems have been set to music, and one in particular is sung now at "Hunting Dinners" and such places. It is advice to his son who is about being married, how he is to live and how he is to treat his wife and the inmates of his household. I find the book is out of print, but I have heard of one copy, which I am trying hard to get into my possession, but I am asked a high sum for it, not for its value, but owing to its scarcity.

I have been anxious for a long time to assist you, in being able to send you some particulars of the family; but I find a great difficulty in procuring information. Day by day I have been expecting some particulars, but they have not come. I trust to be able to enclose a few particulars in this letter before closing same; however, if I am unable to do so I will write again in a few days, as soon as they have reached me. . . . .

I was my father's only child. I was named after his favorite sister, "Mary Anne Maud Moses." Frederic emigrated to America. The brothers and sisters are now all dead. The last that died was Edmund Moses. He was a manager at some works in Glamorganshire, and died about ten years ago.

I have friends who are now visiting the churches in Bedwelly for me, but it takes a great deal of time, owing to my not being able to give any dates, and owing to the vast population of the different districts, the burials being so numerous.

Yours most sincerely,

MARY ANNE MAUD JONES.

From another letter it appears that the ancient seat of the Moses family of Wales (now held by Brown and Bailey) is at the present day in the parish of Aberystrath, in the neighborhood of Nant-y-glo or Abetillery.

The Vicar of the parish of Bedwelly states that the church registers in his possession fill a very large iron chest, and that it would take a week or more to examine them, even hurriedly.

In the event that any Moses descendant of New England lineage should desire further knowledge concerning the ancient Welsh and Scotch families, from which the Plymouth and Portsmouth Lines have sprung, the foregoing papers will furnish a basis for his future investigations. The localities are indicated where the records of the parent stock of both the Welsh and Scotch Houses may be found. The name is uncommon, and with patient search of the baptismal records of a few parishes, very probably a lineal connection for the founders of the New England Moses families could be established.



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